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(2) Will continue intensive investigation of all aspects of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

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Report of: AMEDEE O. RICHARDS, JR.
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Office: Los Angeles, California

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Title: SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: On 10/4/68, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, represented by his attorney, RUSSELL E. PARSONS, appeared before Los Angeles Superior Court Judge RICHARD SCHAUER. Superior Court Judge HERBERT V. WALKER appointed as presiding judge at forthcoming trial of SIRHAN SIRHAN and hearing continued to 10/14/68. SIRHAN SIRHAN appeared before Superior Court Judge WALKER on 10/14/68, and trial date set for 12/9/68, in Department 107 of Los Angeles Superior Court. During hearing, defense attorney PARSONS made several requests concerning the motion of discovery and all were granted by the court. SIRHAN SIRHAN again appeared before Judge WALKER on 10/22/68, for the purpose of the court to rule on evidence obtained at the SIRHAN SIRHAN residence in Pasadena, California, following the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. Judge WALKER denied the motion of the defense attorney for the suppression of the evidence obtained in the search. Further proceedings were scheduled for 12/9/68, in Department 107 of Los Angeles Superior Court. Additional members of ROBERT F. KENNEDY staff and news media and additional persons registered as guests at Ambassador Hotel at time of shooting interviewed. None recalled observing SIRHAN SIRHAN in Ambassador Hotel prior to shooting. MILLARD SHEETS, Claremont, California, who

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owned a horse which was kept at Granja Vista Ranch near Norco, California, in 1966 when SIRHAN SIRHAN was employed there, interviewed. Advised SIRHAN SIRHAN was running horse in late September 1966, and either fell or was thrown. SHEETS was first to reach SIRHAN SIRHAN lying on ground and he appeared unconscious and suffering from facial cuts. SIRHAN SIRHAN recovered consciousness in about two minutes and SHEETS remained with him until ambulance came in 15 - 30 minutes. SHEETS returned to Granja Vista Ranch second day after accident and SIRHAN SIRHAN was back at his job. LARRY PETERS, Foreman at R. L. Wheeler Stables at Santa Anita Race Track, advised SIRHAN SIRHAN worked as exerciser boy at race track from 11/16-30/67. PETERS recalled SIRHAN SIRHAN as having a superiority complex, and appeared "To be in a fog most of the time". PETERS advised that about 11/25, 26/67, SIRHAN SIRHAN was thrown from a horse and was shaken up. PETERS stated SIRHAN SIRHAN came to work the following day appearing to suffer no ill effects from the accident. ALVIN CLARK, refuse and rubbish Collector for city of Pasadena, during period 1967 - 1968 became acquainted with SIRHAN SIRHAN whose home was on CLARK's route. CLARK advised that sometime after the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING, SIRHAN SIRHAN told CLARK, a Negro, that he hated all the white people in this country and wished he could do something "real bad" that would hurt them all. At this particular time, SIRHAN SIRHAN commented on CLARK wearing a KENNEDY political button and having a KENNEDY sticker on his truck. CLARK told SIRHAN SIRHAN he was going to vote for Senator KENNEDY for President. SIRHAN SIRHAN alleged said "What are you voting for that son of a bitch for?" CLARK replied that he liked Senator KENNEDY and was the only man who sincerely intended to help the black people of this country. At this time, SIRHAN SIRHAN turned away

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and said "Well, I don't agree. I am planning on shooting the son of a bitch". CLARK did not take SIRHAN SIRHAN seriously, and took his remark only as a 'mark' of strong disfavor. Investigation conducted concerning allegation that SIRHAN SIRHAN attended a United States Senate Subcommittee on Indian Education at San Francisco, California in early January 1968, where Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had appeared. No information developed that SIRHAN SIRHAN was actually in attendance at this hearing.

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PROSECUTIVE ACTION
CONCERNING SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

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On October 4, 1968, SIRHAN B. SIRHAN appeared in Los Angeles County Superior Court before Judge RICHARD B. SCHAUER. SIRHAN was represented by his attorney, RUSSELL E. PARSONS, and the prosecution was represented by Chief Deputy District Attorney for Los Angeles County LYNN COMPTON and Deputy District Attorneys JOHN HOWARD and DAVID FITTS.

At this hearing, Judge SCHAUER formally appointed Judge HERBERT V. WALKER to be presiding judge at the trial of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, which will take place in Department 107 of the Los Angeles Superior Court.

Judge SCHAUER advised that two motions are presently pending before the court. One, a motion to suppress evidence obtained during the investigation and the second, a motion for discovery. These motions will be considered by the court at the next appearance of SIRHAN, which has been scheduled for 9:00 AM on October 14, 1968.

The previously scheduled trial date of November 1, 1968, was still in effect as of October 4, 1968; however, PARSONS suggested that a later trial date be considered by the court. He gave as his reasons: (1) The U. S. Supreme Court, in previous decisions, has suggested that in some cases a sequestered jury might have been considered; (2) the month of December 1968, encompasses the Christmas Holidays with all of its activities and includes the New Year's Holidays. PARSONS further suggested that a jury could possibly be impaneled in December 1968, and suggested a trial date of early January 1969. Judge SCHAUER instructed that the foregoing suggestions on the part of PARSONS be made in the form of a motion which could be heard on October 14, 1968. It was agreed between the prosecution and defense that these matters could be taken up at the October 14, 1968, hearing.

On October 14, 1968, SIRHAN B. SIRHAN appeared in the Los Angeles County Superior Court before Superior

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Court Judge HERBERT V. WALKER. At this hearing, Defense Attorney RUSSELL E. PARSONS, representing SIRHAN, made several requests concerning the motion of discovery and all of these items were granted by the court. Trial date in this matter was set by Judge HERBERT V. WALKER for December 9, 1968, in Department 107 of the Los Angeles Superior Court. As a sequestered jury is contemplated, selection of jurors will be made at the trial of December 9, 1968, but, in all probability, actual trial will not start until after the holiday season.

On October 22, 1968, SIRHAN B. SIRHAN appeared in Department 107 of the Los Angeles Superior Court before Judge WALKER. The purpose of this appearance was for the court to rule on evidence obtained at the SIRHAN residence in Pasadena, California, following the assassination of the Late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. Los Angeles Police Department Officers and members of SIRHAN's family testified at this hearing and, on completion of the hearing, Judge WALKER denied the motion of the defense attorney for the suppression of the evidence obtained in the search. Further proceedings in this case are scheduled for December 9, 1968, at 9:30 AM, in Department 107, Los Angeles Superior Court, located on the Eighth Floor of the Hall of Justice.

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ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS OF
INDIVIDUALS IN AREA OF SHOOTING

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Miss TERESA CAROL ASH, 2331 Cathedral Avenue, N.W., Apartment 504, Washington, D.C. (WDC), was interviewed at her place of employment, Southern Political Education Action Committee, 128 C Street, N.E., Apartment 42, WDC.

Miss ASH related she had actively worked in California during the primary campaign of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY and she was in Los Angeles at the time that Senator KENNEDY was shot. She stated that she and three other girls assigned to the campaign had been registered at the Ambassador Hotel but that sometime prior to election day, June 4, 1968, they were transferred to the Chancellor Hotel, Los Angeles, to make room for newsman at the Ambassador Hotel.

Miss ASH stated that during the day of June 4, 1968, she worked at the Kennedy Wilshire Boulevard Headquarters from early morning until approximately 7 p.m. She and other workers then went to the Ambassador Hotel to await a statement from Senator KENNEDY. She went to the ballroom (Embassy Room). The ballroom was hot and crowded and ASH went with some of her friends to the Palm Bar in the Ambassador Hotel to await a statement by Senator KENNEDY. They remained at the bar until approximately 11:45 p.m. on June 4, 1968, then went to the Chancellor Hotel where they ate dinner. They learned while eating dinner that Senator KENNEDY had been shot.

Miss ASH stated that during the evening of June 4, 1968, she was with the following individuals at the Ambassador Hotel and Chancellor Hotel in Los Angeles:

WALTER SHERIDAN, who is employed by National Broadcasting Company, WDC.

THERESA WALSTON, who is employed by Lord and Taylor Department Store, WDC.

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KATIE MURPHY, school teacher at Boston and residing Tremont on the Common Tremont Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

RICHARD COLEMAN, an attorney at Los Angeles, California, and probably residing at Santa Monica, California.

Miss ASH stated that she spent most of the evening with WALSTON, MURPHY and COLEMAN and that SHERIDAN had spent a portion of his time in arranging for a band at the Ambassador Hotel.

Miss ASH observed a photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and stated that she had no recollection of seeing SIRHAN at any time in Los Angeles.

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H. RICHARD CHEW, 1419 North Courthouse Road, Arlington, Virginia, telephonically furnished the following information:

He advised that on June 4, 1968, he was a member of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's staff and was accompanying Senator KENNEDY on his campaign tour at Los Angeles, California.

Mr. CHEW stated that he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel and had occasion to enter the Embassy Ballroom twice during the day that Senator KENNEDY was shot and killed. He stated that he had no information concerning a possible conspiracy, nor did he know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. CHEW advised that he does not recall observing SIRHAN at any time while he, CHEW, was in the Embassy Ballroom. CHEW stated that he was not personally in the Ballroom at the time Senator KENNEDY was shot.

CHEW further advised that he had no additional information to furnish.

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On 10/18/68 at AT ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA File # RICHMOND 62-2248
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GARY WAYNE DOTTERMAN, 1311 South Baltimore, Tulsa, Oklahoma, furnished the following information.

DOTTERMAN left Tulsa, Oklahoma, on May 25, 1968, for Los Angeles, California, driving his personal car, and arrived in Los Angeles on May 27, 1968.

He stayed at the Ambassador Hotel in a suite rented by the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY for two days and then officially checked into the hotel and was assigned a room.

DOTTERMAN traveled to Los Angeles as a volunteer advance man, working under JERRY BRUNO. BRUNO was on the KENNEDY staff. DOTTERMAN received no pay for this position.

On June 5, 1968, DOTTERMAN was in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel on the platform from which the late Senator KENNEDY was speaking. DOTTERMAN was attempting to hold back the crowd from the platform. At the conclusion of the KENNEDY speech, DOTTERMAN followed KENNEDY to the curtains which separate the Embassy Room from the kitchen area of the hotel. At the curtains, DOTTERMAN stopped to assist in holding back the crowd. Approximately 30 seconds later, DOTTERMAN heard several loud "pops", people screaming and other loud noises.

He did not witness the shooting of KENNEDY. He did assist, along with several others, an ABC newsman who had been shot in the leg to a taxicab. DOTTERMAN checked out of the Ambassador Hotel on June 6, 1968, thereafter returning to Tulsa, Oklahoma.

He is not acquainted with SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. The first and only time he saw SIRHAN was when the police were removing SIRHAN from the Ambassador Hotel after the shooting.

DOTTERMAN stated that he had no information concerning the existence of a possible conspiracy in the shooting and killing of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

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The following descriptive data was obtained by observation and interview:

Name	GARY WAYNE DOTTERMAN
Race	White
Sex	Male
Birth	[REDACTED] at Tulsa, Oklahoma
Height	6'
Weight	220 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Hazel
Employment	Newspaper Printing Corporation, "Tulsa World," Tulsa, Oklahoma
Current residence	1311 South Baltimore, Tulsa, Oklahoma

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Date 10/3/68

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Mr. DONALD (DANIEL) JOSEPH DOWD, who resides at 69 Hale Street, West Springfield, Massachusetts, was interviewed at the New England Regional Commissions Office, Post Office Building, Post Office Square, Boston, Massachusetts, and furnished the following information:

Mr. DOWD stated he flew from Boston, Massachusetts, and arrived in Los Angeles, California, on May 11, 1968, at approximately 7:30 p.m. Upon arriving in Los Angeles, he checked into the Ambassador Hotel, and the following day met with TONY AKERS, the former Ambassador to New Zealand, who was one of the men in charge of field operations in the Los Angeles area of Southern California during the campaign of Senator KENNEDY. He also met with STEVE SMITH, Senator KENNEDY's campaign manager and brother-in-law. From May 12, 1968, through June 4 and 5, 1968, DOWD worked with Mr. AKERS and Mr. SMITH in organizing the Senator's campaign. According to DOWD, everything ran smoothly. He stated he could recall one incident which occurred in the hotel parking lot, which indicated to him the atmosphere of hate for Senator KENNEDY and the KENNEDY campaign. He stated that each morning the campaign posters, which were on the cars being utilized by the campaign people, were found to be ripped off of the cars and each day they needed to be replaced. As stated above, Mr. DOWD advised there appeared to be an atmosphere of hate around the hotel parking lot; however, he could not give a specific description of it and could not identify any individual responsible for the tearing off of the posters. He stated that the incidents may not mean anything but it appeared rather strange to him that acts such as these should occur so close to the Senator and campaign headquarters.

On Sunday night, June 2, 1968, while in the Coconut Grove, Mr. DOWD noticed an individual in back of the stage whom no one recognized and who refused to move from the area when requested to do so by KAY HACKETT, who was one of POLLY FITZGERALD's girls on the

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Hostess Committee. According to Mr. DOWD, Mrs. HACKETT asked this individual to move and when he would not leave the area, she asked GENE DELLEA, another of the campaign workers, for assistance. Mr. DELLEA, who was on the opposite side of the stage, crossed and came to Mr. DOWD and told him of the incident. DOWD stated that he advised Mr. DELLEA not to fool around with the individual but to call a policeman. Mr. DELLEA returned to the opposite side of the stage and found that this individual was gone. DOWD stated he saw the same individual again a few minutes later and that this time he was talking to two nuns.

On Tuesday evening, June 4, 1968, DOWD stated he saw this same man again roaming around the Embassy Room. He last saw this individual around 10:00 p.m., June 4, 1968. He did not notice if this individual had a pass or identification which would allow him to enter the Embassy Room. DOWD stated there was much confusion, much noise, and many people in the area and it was very difficult to attempt to keep any one person from the Embassy Room. DOWD advised he had no reason to suspect this individual other than the fact that he "looked like a hood." He stated he might have been another of the campaign workers although he did not see him prior to June 2, 1968. DOWD further stated he (DOWD) entered the Embassy Room on one occasion through a door in back of the television cameras. This door was accessible from the restaurant area and was apparently unguarded. He stated in view of the fact that he entered this door on two or three different occasions, it was possible this individual could have gained entrance to the Embassy Room the same way.

Mr. DOWD furnished the following physical description of the man:

Nationality:	Possibly Greek, Italian, or South American extraction
Age:	52-53
Hair:	Dark, receding
Build:	Stocky
Weight:	230-240
Height:	5'8" of 5'9"

Clothes:

Wore a dark suit,
possibly black, on
both occasions when
seen by DOWD

Mr. DOWD stated that Mr. GENE DELLEA of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and Mr. JOSEPH SCANLON, Assistant to Congressman ST. GERMAIN at Providence, Rhode Island, could possibly have more information concerning the individual described above.

Mr. DOWD was shown a photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and advised that at no time during the campaign did he ever see SIRHAN B. SIRHAN or hear his name mentioned.

Mr. DOWD stated at the time of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY he was in the Embassy Room standing immediately in front and below the television cameras, which were located to the right rear of the Embassy Room, adjacent to the restaurant. He stated the television cameras had been off for approximately five minutes and that many of the people in the Embassy Room had started to leave. He stated he became aware of much confusion toward the serving kitchen area and was advised very shortly that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. He said he received this information from one of the television network employees. DOWD stated he could not get across the Embassy Room so he left the room by the door mentioned above, which was located behind the television cameras. He stated he ran through the restaurant and into the hotel lobby to call a doctor. He said the telephone operator in the hotel advised him that a doctor had already been summoned. He returned to the hotel lobby where he found POLLY FITZGERALD in the lobby and attempted to get her out of the crowd. He stated at the same time an individual, whom he later learned was SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, was being escorted through the lobby by 10 or 12 policemen in uniform, heading down toward the street.

Mr. DOWD stated he went with Mrs. FITZGERALD first to her own suite and then to Senator KENNEDY's suite on the fifth floor of the hotel to check on the Senator's children. He stated the children were not there and that Mrs. FITZGERALD then asked him to take her to the hospital where they had taken Senator KENNEDY. Mr. DOWD stated they arrived at the hospital at approximately 2:15 a.m.

on June 5, 1968, and remained there the rest of the night. Mr. DOWD stated he got a later flight from Los Angeles to Boston and arrived back in Massachusetts on June 5, 1968.

The following background information and description of Mr. DOWD was obtained through interview and personal observation:

Name:	DONALD (DANIEL) JOSEPH DOWD
Address:	69 Hale Street West Springfield, Massachusetts
Date of birth:	December 12, 1922
Place of birth:	Holyoke, Massachusetts
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	165
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Scars and marks:	None
Social Security:	# [REDACTED]
Air Force Serial:	#111-081-68
Parents:	EDWARD J. and NORA M. DOWD Springfield, Massachusetts (separated)

DOWD stated he moved to Springfield, Massachusetts, and now resides in West Springfield, where he has lived since returning from the Air Force in 1946. He stated he served in the Air Force from 1942 until discharge in 1946. He attended Cathedral High School in Springfield, Massachusetts, and did not attend college. He stated he resides with his wife, PHOEBE M. DOWD, nee SERRENTINO, and one child, a daughter DEBORAH, age 15. He stated he was formerly employed in the family business in Springfield, Massachusetts, from 1947 until 1962. From 1962 through 1965 he worked as

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a consultant in the Department of Public Works, Northampton, Massachusetts. From 1965 until 1968 he was employed with the Post Office Department as Assistant to the Regional Director, Boston, Massachusetts. He stated he is currently employed as Liaison Man in Regional Operations for the New England Regional Commission. This is an organization to improve economic conditions in the New England area.

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JAMES CHARLES EVERS, also known as Charles Evers, Negro male, Field Director, Mississippi Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), was contacted at the NAACP Office, 1072 Lynch Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Mr. EVERS was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and of the nature of the inquiry.

He advised in the Spring of 1968 he was appointed Co-chairman of the Robert F. Kennedy for President Committee in Mississippi. He also campaigned for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY in the State of California during part of May and the first week of June, 1968. While in Los Angeles, California, campaigning for the late Senator KENNEDY Mr. EVERS said he resided in the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. He said during the victory rally for the late Senator KENNEDY held in the Embassy Ballroom on the late evening of June 4, 1968, he was in the vicinity of the television cameras at the time Senator KENNEDY left the hall to go through the serving kitchen to another room near the Embassy Room. He said he heard a loud "pop" and saw the commotion of people going toward the serving kitchen; however, he was not in a position to observe the late Senator KENNEDY being shot or the assassin shooting him.

Mr. EVERS said he has observed photographs of the alleged assassin, SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, in many magazines, newspapers and on television and to his knowledge he had never seen SIRHAN prior to seeing his picture in various media after Senator KENNEDY was assassinated.

Mr. EVERS said he cannot recall seeing SIRHAN in the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4, 1968, or

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on any previous date. He does not know SIRHAN and does not know anyone who knows SIRHAN.

Mr. EVERS said no information has come to his attention concerning any possible conspiracy regarding the assassination of Senator KENNEDY.

Mr. EVERS said after Senator KENNEDY was assassinated he remained in Los Angeles until the body was removed to New York and then to Washington. He attended the funeral ceremonies in New York and Washington immediately after leaving Los Angeles.

Mr. EVERS noted that while in the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles he was registered in a room by himself; however, he spent quite a bit of his time while at the hotel in the Senator Kennedy suite at the hotel.

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ROBERT FITZGERALD, 15 Spafford Road, Milton, Massachusetts, employed at Boston Safe Deposit Company, 100 Franklin Street, Boston, advised he is a cousin of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He stated he was in the "Kennedy team" in various states in the 1968 presidential campaign and had spent some time in Los Angeles, California.

He stated, however, he was in San Francisco, California, with Senator EDWARD M. KENNEDY on June 5, 1968 and for about one week prior to that date.

FITZGERALD stated he had no first-hand knowledge concerning the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and he was unable to identify the photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN as anyone he had ever seen previously.

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Date November 18, 1968

Mr. Robert Flug, 304 East 90th Street, New York, New York, telephone number 427-8091, stated that he was a member of Senator Robert Kennedy's campaign staff in Los Angeles, California and that on the evening of June 4 - 5, 1968, he was in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

During the latter part of Senator Kennedy's speech, Flug entered the Embassy room through the kitchen which was the area in which Senator Kennedy was later shot. Flug noticed nothing undue.

At the end of Senator Kennedy's speech and after Senator Kennedy had departed the Embassy room, Flug was in the Embassy room near a door that went toward the kitchen. While there a lady ran into the Embassy room. She was bleeding and it appeared as though the blood was coming from her head. Flug and another male, who he does not know, tried to shield this lady, who was then on a table in the Embassy room, from the crowd which was in panic.

People were trying to get a doctor for the lady. Flug stayed with her for a period of time. He then went to the podium and tried to control the crowd. He stayed on the podium until the police arrived.

Flug did not see or hear the shooting. He did not see Senator Kennedy after he left the Embassy room. At one moment he saw police carrying a male from the immediate area of the Embassy room. He learned later that this was probably Sirhan Sirhan. Flug did not see Sirhan Sirhan other than at that time.

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NORMAN JACQUES, Rhode Island State Senator, advised that he is presently residing at the junction of Great Road and Wilbur Road in Lincoln, Rhode Island. He stated that he unsuccessfully ran for a congressional seat during the past primary election in the State of Rhode Island. He stated that on June 4 and 5, 1968, he was in the Embassy Ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California. Mr. JACQUES stated that he was not altogether sure on the exact date of the shooting of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY but knew that it was on a Tuesday night. He stated that he was in the Embassy Ballroom with all of the other workers of the KENNEDY contingent awaiting the arrival of ROBERT KENNEDY who was scheduled to give a short address on his successful results of the California primary election. He stated that he was close to the stage located in the Embassy Ballroom and was located on the righthand side of the stage platform which is the opposite way from which Senator KENNEDY departed and was subsequently shot.

JACQUES observed the diagram which appeared in the "Los Angeles Times" on June 6, 1968, and pointed to the stage area of the diagram and indicated that he was located on the lefthand side of the stage from the audience, which would be the righthand side of the speaker's podium. He stated that he was located at this position and that he observed Senator KENNEDY after he addressed his campaign workers in the Embassy Ballroom, start off the stage to the Senator's right and then apparently the Senator decided against going off into the crowd and shaking hands and turned and departed leaving the stage from his lefthand side and then on into the area that contained the kitchen and where he was then shot.

Mr. JACQUES stated that he did not observe anything of an unusual nature with regards to the individuals seated in and around the Embassy Ballroom. He stated that the persons in the room were quite jubilant and that people were singing and cheering on Senator KENNEDY prior to his arrival on the stage and as he departed. He stated that

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he did not observe any individual ~~which~~ he could consider suspicious in the Embassy Ballroom. He noted that the security forces in the hotel were quite lax inasmuch as almost anyone could gain entry into the Embassy Ballroom.

Mr. JACQUES stated that just prior to Senator KENNEDY's entrance onto the stage he looked behind the curtain which was located immediately to the rear of the stage and observed two individuals there. One he described as a Negro in his twenties who was dressed in an institutional type of jacket with a white male dressed in a similar type of attire. He stated that he surmised that both of these individuals were part of the hotel staff and were working there in some type of capacity.

Mr. JACQUES stated that he did meet someone from Rhode Island who had a camera and was walking around the area taking photographs of the various members of the KENNEDY contingent and he stated that this individual followed Senator KENNEDY as he departed from the stage onto the area where he was later shot. He stated that he could not recall the individual's name but stated that he was some type of reporter connected with the radio station WEAN.

Mr. JACQUES stated that he could not recall specifically who he was with in the hall at the time but noted that he was associating himself with the Young Professionals for KENNEDY, which made up a large portion of the group at the victory party at the Embassy Ballroom at that time. He stated that he was with a schoolteacher from California and he spent all of his time with her but could not recall her name.

The following is a description of Mr. JACQUES secured from observation and interview:

Name:	NORMAN JACQUES
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Date of Birth:	August 31, 1943

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Place of Birth:	Pawtucket, Rhode Island
Height:	5 feet 7 inches
Weight:	138 pounds
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown
Residence:	Great Road and Wilbur Road Lincoln, Rhode Island
Occupation:	State Senator

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/28/68

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Miss ADRIENNE R. LEIB, Assistant Press Secretary to the Mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, advised that she was a member of the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY Campaign Staff and was at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, the night of June 4-5, 1968, when Senator KENNEDY was killed.

Miss LEIB volunteered the following information regarding an incident which occurred the night before the assassination and which she brought to the attention of other staff members and the manager of the Ambassador Hotel after the assassination. She admitted having a "wild imagination" and said she did not know if the incident had any connection with the assassination.

She reported that at approximately 1:00 a.m. on June 4, 1968, after she and her roommate, Miss TAMSEN BREDVOLD, had gone to sleep, the telephone rang. Her roommate answered the phone. The caller was a man, whose name Miss LEIB does not recall. He identified himself as a newsman and said he had just arrived at the hotel. He said he needed a shave before the KENNEDY party arrived and wanted to know if he could borrow a razor. Miss BREDVOLD told the caller that they did not have a razor. The man seemed persistent and said he could come up to their room for the razor. He was again told that they did not have a razor and was asked by Miss BREDVOLD why he did not call a man to borrow a razor. The caller said someone downstairs had suggested he call their room. The conversation with this man then ended.

The next morning, June 4, 1968, there was a discussion downstairs in the hotel between the hotel manager and members of the KENNEDY staff concerning this man, who had represented himself to the hotel as a member of the KENNEDY staff and who had made numerous long distance telephone calls during the night and charged them to the KENNEDY party. The manager was informed by members of the KENNEDY staff that this man was not one of them. The hotel manager then began to check on this man

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and learned that he had already "skipped out" without paying for his hotel room or the telephone calls.

Following the assassination of Senator KENNEDY, Miss LEIB recalled the above incident and wondered if it had any connection with the assassination. In considering this possibility, she observed that the room she and Miss BREDVOLD shared at the Ambassador Hotel was one of four which opened onto a lower roof of the hotel. The room was believed to be on about the fourth floor. She said it was possible for a person to walk out onto the roof and look down on the entrance of the hotel.

Miss LEIB said she was curious as to why the above mentioned man called their room, and if he had called any of the other rooms which had access to the roof. This was mentioned to the management, who then contacted the occupants of these other rooms and learned that none of them were in their rooms at 1:00 a.m. on the morning of June 4, 1968. Because of this, Miss LEIB surmised that the man called their room because it was the only one whose occupants were available and through which he would have access to the roof overlooking the entrance.

Miss LEIB said another reason why the above incident appeared strange to her was the fact that the caller said he wanted to shave before the KENNEDY party arrived; when, in fact, Senator KENNEDY and his party arrived earlier in the evening at the hotel, and were in their rooms by 11:00 p.m. that evening. This man also told her roommate when he called that he was a newsman, but he told the hotel management that he was with the KENNEDY staff. Miss LEIB felt that there was something mysterious about this man because no one seemed to know anything about him.

In connection with the assassination itself, Miss LEIB said she was in the Embassy Room standing near the television cameras when the shooting occurred, but

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she did not witness the shooting, nor did she hear the shots. She learned of the shooting moments later during the confusion when everyone was asked to leave the room. At this point, she left the Embassy Room and returned to her room in the hotel.

Miss LEIB said she did not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, and did not recognize his photograph as anyone she had seen around the hotel.

Miss LEIB again referred to her "wild imagination", and said she had no information whatsoever that the man referred to above was actually involved in the assassination. She said she was relating this incident for whatever value it might be to the investigative authorities.

Miss LEIB stated that her roommate, Miss TAMSEN BREDVOLD, was not a member of the KENNEDY staff, but was visiting in Los Angeles at the time and they roomed together at the Ambassador Hotel. At the present time, she and Miss BREDVOLD share an apartment at the Chesterfield Apartments, 1801 East 12th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. She thought perhaps Miss BREDVOLD would recall the name of this man that made the above mentioned call.

Miss LEIB was also unable to recall the name of the hotel manager, but said he had a Swedish name and was tall with light colored hair.

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1Date 11/12/68

Mr. BART HACHIGAN, Credit Manager, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, said that based on personal knowledge and check of logical records he could not identify any person who had made claims of being with the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY Campaign Party on June the Fourth 1968, who had left the hotel without paying his bill or having made a number of long distance phone calls which he charged to the Kennedy Party. His check included all the "skips" who left the hotel around June 4, 1968. He would be the hotel employee who would have the responsibility of recording and attempting the collections of all hotel "skip" cases.

It was suggested that FRANS STALPER, Resident Manager, be contacted as he handled all reservations made for the Kennedy Party, June 4, 1968.

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1Date 11/12/68

Mr. FRANS STALPERS, Resident Manager, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, advised he had handled the reservations of the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY Campaign Party at the hotel June 4, 1968. He had no knowledge of any person making a number of long distance phone calls, charging them to the Kennedy party and then leaving the hotel without paying his bill. He felt if such occurred, it would have come to his attention.

LUCY SALINGER and DE DE SMITH had made the arrangements for the Kennedy party at the hotel on June 4, 1968, and they nor any other member of the Kennedy party had made any such complaints to him or to anyone else in the hotel to his knowledge.

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Date November 18, 1968

JOHN R. LEWIS, 361 Chelsea Circle, N.E., former residence 3670 Gordon Road, Atlanta, Georgia, was interviewed at his place of employment with Southern Regional Council, 5 Forsyth Street, Atlanta, Georgia, and he furnished the following information.

LEWIS advised that he was formerly associated with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee in Atlanta and was presently the director for the Committee Organization Project of the Southern Regional Council. LEWIS stated that at some unrecalled time during ROBERT KENNEDY'S Presidential Campaign he was asked by EARL CRAVES of BOBBY KENNEDY'S New York State Campaign staff to assist KENNEDY in his campaign.

LEWIS advised that he accompanied ROBERT KENNEDY to the Oregon Primaries and on May 29, 1968, traveled to Los Angeles as a member of KENNEDY'S staff where he performed speaking engagements on behalf of KENNEDY in various communities in the Los Angeles area.

LEWIS stated that on the night of June 4, 1968, he was one of many KENNEDY supporters who was taking part in the activities at the victory celebration in the ballroom at the Ambassador Hotel.

He stated that while in the ballroom he received a call from a Mrs. JOAN BRADEN of the KENNEDY staff requesting that he join KENNEDY and his family and friends in the KENNEDY suite. LEWIS advised that he was also registered at the Ambassador Hotel. He stated that after receiving the request from Mrs. BRADEN he went to the KENNEDY suite where he conferred with the KENNEDY family and friends and spoke to Senator KENNEDY prior to KENNEDY'S departure to the ballroom to make his victory speech. He

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stated that Senator KENNEDY prior to leaving the suite requested that he remain in the suite with KENNEDY'S family and advisors until after the victory speech.

LEWIS stated that he remained in the suite after Senator KENNEDY left and observed the following activity and the subsequent television broadcast of the events prior to Senator KENNEDY'S assassination. LEWIS advised that he had no first hand knowledge of the events surrounding Senator KENNEDY'S assassination and could offer no further information in this matter.

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A characterization of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee is attached hereto:

APPENDIXSTUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE

The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), headquartered at 360-362 Nelson Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia, is a nonmembership organization, which was born out of the sit-in movement that erupted across the South beginning in 1960.

Today SNCC identifies itself as an organization in the revolutionary vanguard. It advocates that to be successful it is necessary to develop a revolutionary ideology and revolutionary program.

According to SNCC, the year 1967 marked a historic milestone in the struggle for the liberation of black people in the United States and the year that revolutionaries throughout the world began to understand more fully the impact of the black movement. SNCC declared that "liberation will come only when there is final destruction of this mad octopus--the capitalistic system of the United States with all its life-sucking tentacles of exploitation and racism that choke the people of Africa, Asia, and Latin America. The realities of black life, together with the recognition instilled in SNCC workers forced its members to further popularize the legitimacy of self-defense and rebellions when oppression became too great".

From May, 1966, until May, 1967, STOKELY CARMICHAEL was National Chairman of SNCC. As of July, 1968, CARMICHAEL resided in Washington, D.C., where he was affiliated with SNCC and active as temporary chairman of a black coalition group. In May, 1967, CARMICHAEL was replaced by HUBERT GEROLD BROWN, commonly known as H. Rap Brown, who served until June, 1968.

In June, 1968, at the Staff and Central Committee meeting of SNCC held in Atlanta, Georgia, it was decided to restructure the organization by equalization of responsibility by creating ten deputy or vice chairmanships. The primary purpose for this change is to take law enforcement pressure off any single individual.

APPENDIX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1.Date 10/21/68

BARON H. MARTIN, 14 Wabon Street, Boston, Massachusetts an attorney for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, Boston, advised that he took a leave of absence from his job and participated in the Robert F. Kennedy election campaign. He stated that he was with Senator KENNEDY in Washington, D.C. and Indiana and spent two weeks in the Watts Section of Los Angeles, California immediately prior to June 5, 1968.

MARTIN stated that he was a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles and returned to the Embassy Room of that hotel shortly before 9:00 PM on June 4, 1968. He stayed there approximately three hours and, since he was tired and hungry, left to go to the Sheraton Wilshire Hotel where he ate and watched the election proceedings on television. He stated he was there when the word was received about the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

MARTIN stated he had no knowledge of the events concerning the shooting and he never previously had seen anyone who resembled the photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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Date 10/7/68

MR. ABBA P. SCHWARTZ, Attorney, 3306 R Street, North West, Washington, D.C., advised that he was an unsalaried, volunteer campaign worker in the Presidential campaign of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

He stated that while Senator KENNEDY was speaking in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, just prior to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY, he (SCHWARTZ) left the large room where he had been with members of the press and returned to his hotel room in the hotel and ordered a sandwich. He said while awaiting the arrival of the food, he turned on the television set in his room and then saw the commotion resulting from the shooting.

MR. SCHWARTZ stated that he had never seen SIRHAN SIRHAN at any time.

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Date 10/25/681

SCHWANHILD VON HEINTSCHEL, 420 East 64th Street, New York City, advised that she was at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, at the time Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot. She identified herself as a Private Secretary for Senator KENNEDY at the time and stated that at the moment the shooting took place she and three other associates, CAROL WELCH, JEAN MAIN and LOUDELL INSLEY were in an upstairs office handling work for Senator KENNEDY.

She stated they first heard of the shooting when PIERRE SALINGER called from the Press Office to their room indicating that someone was apparently shot. She stated that her room had a "hot line" from the Press Room. She stated she and her associates as above listed immediately rushed downstairs at which time they discovered that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. They at first were unable to gain entrance to the room where he was shot, however, later were admitted after identifying themselves as KENNEDY workers.

Miss HEINTSCHEL stated that she never saw SIRHAN B. SIRHAN to her knowledge either before or after the shooting. She was unable to furnish any pertinent information in this connection. She further indicated that the above parties apparently have already been interviewed by the FBI in this connection, however, emphasized that they were with her at the time of the shooting and is sure they would be unable to furnish any further information of pertinence in this connection.

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10/10/68

Date

THERESA K. WALSTON, who is employed as a bookkeeper at Lord and Taylor Department Store, Washington, D.C. (WDC), and furnished an address of 10624 Kenilworth Avenue, Parkside Apartments, Bethesda, Maryland, stated that she worked for the Senator ROBERT KENNEDY primary campaign in California during May and June, 1968.

WALSTON stated that she worked for WALTER SHERIDAN and during June 4, 1968, she and CAROL ASH handled the coordinator's office at the Wilshire Boulevard Headquarters for Senator KENNEDY from early morning until about 8 p.m. Upon closing the headquarters after the closing of polls in California on June 4, 1968, she and ASH went to the Ambassador Hotel as they had been issued a pass to the Embassy Room where it was anticipated that Senator KENNEDY would make a speech upon the outcome of the election becoming known. They went directly to the Ambassador Hotel from the Wilshire Boulevard Headquarters and went into the Embassy Room where they found a crowd had gathered and it was hot and uncomfortable. They patronized the Palms with DICK COLEMAN and they remained at the Ambassador Hotel until approximately 11 p.m. when they went to the Chancellor Hotel for dinner. While eating dinner, they heard about Senator KENNEDY being shot.

WALSTON advised that she had spent the evening of June 4, 1968, with DICK COLEMAN, a Los Angeles attorney; WALTER SHERIDAN, National Broadcasting Company, WDC; CAROL ASH, WDC; and KATIE MURPHY, Boston, Massachusetts.

WALSTON observed a photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and stated that she had no recollection of ever seeing this individual.

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Date 10/7/68

PAUL ALTMEYER, 22 Sand Street, Rye, New York, advised that he is a writer and producer for American Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) Television, with offices located at New York City. On June 4, and 5, 1968, Mr. ALTMEYER was in charge of a group furnishing television coverage of the victory celebration held in honor of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY at the Embassy Ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California.

At the time Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was shot, at about 12:15 a.m., June 5, 1968, Mr. ALTMEYER was in the control truck located outside of the hotel. As a result, Mr. ALTMEYER could furnish no information regarding the circumstances of the assassination.

Mr. ALTMEYER pointed out that two members of his group, namely Associate Director WILLIAM WEISL, and Associate Producer, DAVID JAYNE, were present at the time of the shooting, and are reportedly scheduled to be prosecution witnesses. He added that ABC had the only hand held television camera at the scene, but he was not aware whether or not the television tapes of the scene have been reviewed by authorities. He said he assumed such tapes had been made available to the authorities, but had no personal knowledge of same.

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On 10/1/68 at Rye, New York File # NY 44-1640

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Date October 10, 19681

Mr. VICTOR "VIC" BIONDI, 3536 Mulholland Way,
Sacramento, California, advised the following:

He is a reporter for the Sacramento Television Station KCRA. He was a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968, and was in the Embassy Room at approximately 6:00 p.m. During the evening, he visited the lobby of the Hotel, the Venetian Room, the VIP Lounge which was located behind the podium where Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY addressed his campaign workers later in the evening, and also went to the television remote control trucks located behind the swimming pool of the Hotel. When Senator KENNEDY departed the Embassy Room, after addressing his campaign workers, he remained there and became aware that the Senator had been shot when he noted all the commotion around the exits near the podium. He added that he did conduct an interview with the young man, name unrecalled, who had thrust a rosary into the hands of the Senator. He cannot recall seeing SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN during his wanderings during the evening, nor had he ever heard or seen SIRHAN prior to the shooting. He could furnish no information concerning a possible conspiracy.

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On 10/4/68 at Sacramento, California File # SC 62-76

by SA NORMAN P. LeCLAIR / sy/nme Date dictated 10/7/68

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Date October 10, 1968

Mr. MICHAEL M. BOYD, 4935 Heatherdale Lane, Carmichael, California, and a newscaster with Television Station KCRA, 310-10th Street, Sacramento, California, was interviewed at Station KCRA and furnished the following information:

He, along with "VIC" BIONDI, was covering the Embassy Room at the Hotel Ambassador, Los Angeles, California, where Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's campaign workers had gathered awaiting the results of the California primary. He came into the room at approximately 5:00 p.m. During the evening, he had occasion to go to a small court located just behind the area where the television cameras were set up. Other than this, he remained in the immediate vicinity of the Embassy Room until Senator KENNEDY left the room and never went into the area where Senator KENNEDY was shot prior to his being shot. He never saw SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN prior to the shooting and has no knowledge of the existence of a conspiracy.

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On 10/4/68 at Sacramento, California File # SC 62-76by SA NORMAN P. LE CLAIR/sy Date dictated 10/7/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/14/68

JOHN CHAMBERS, 3920 Morrison St., N. W., Washington, D. C., furnished the following information:

Mr. CHAMBERS is a correspondent with United Press International and was registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, June 5, 1968, to cover the California Primary. He was in the Embassy Ballroom at the hotel when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot. He did not witness the shooting since he remained in the ballroom after Senator KENNEDY left the podium. Mr. CHAMBERS heard people shouting and saw movement behind the curtains, but did not hear the shots.

Mr. CHAMBERS did not recall seeing SIRHAN SIRHAN before Senator KENNEDY was shot.

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Date 10/22/68

Mr. JOE DYER employed by KNXT-Channel 2, Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) owned, News Division, 6121 Sunset Boulevard, advised the following:

Mr. DYER, who is currently employed in the Community Relations Department, said that at the time of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on June 5, 1968, he had been assigned as a photographer by KNXT-News and had been at the Ambassador Hotel in the Embassy Room at the time of the shooting.

Mr. DYER said that he had not been a witness to the actual shooting of Senator KENNEDY and others nor was he in a position to observe the immediate aftermath, as he had been in the Embassy Room during this period.

Photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN and of the latter's family were exhibited to Mr. DYER, who said he had no recollection of having seen any of the persons in the photographs at any time.

Mr. DYER advised that CBS had instigated a new policy concerning the interviewing of CBS personnel by government investigators. In substance, this policy requires that the employee, when approached, notify his department head, and the question resolved as to whether the employee should be interviewed, and if the employee was to be a potential witness, a subpoena would be required before any ~~interview~~ ^{interview} information was given.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 25, 1968

Mrs. Beth Fertik, Researcher and Assistant Producer, Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), News Division, 524 West 57th Street, New York, New York stated that on the night of June 4-5, 1968, she was registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

She was in the ballroom at the Ambassador Hotel during Senator Kennedy's speech and saw him leave the podium. Shortly thereafter, while standing in front of the podium, Mrs. Fertik heard a noise and thought it was firecrackers. Then there was screaming which was in women's high pitched voices. Fertik then thought that a lighting stand or platform may have fallen. She ran across the ballroom to a telephone and called her producer, Mr. Manitzas. While making the telephone call Mrs. Fertik learned of the shooting.

Mrs. Fertik did not see the shooting and she did not see Senator Kennedy or Sirhan Sirhan. During Senator Kennedy's speech, Mrs. Fertik saw nothing suspicious.

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On 10/25/68 at New York, N. Y. (telephonically) File # NY 44-1640

by SA Francis L. Cashin/ fc Date dictated 10/25/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 18, 1968

Mr. Stanhope Gould, Field Producer of the Walter Cronkite News, Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), 524 West 57th Street, New York, New York, telephone number 765-4321 extension 3593, stated that on the night of June 4 - 5, 1968, he was in the Embassy room at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California and witnessed Senator Robert Kennedy's speech.

When Senator Kennedy finished his speech and departed from the room, Gould remained in the Embassy room. He then heard much yelling and screaming and heard that there had been a shooting in another room. He did not see the shooting and he did not hear the shots. He has never seen Sirhan Sirhan and did not see Senator Kennedy after he departed the Embassy room.

Gould remained in the Embassy room with photographers taking reaction pictures of the crowd. He did not go into the kitchen area where the shooting occurred. He and others from CBS then went to the lobby of the hotel and outside the hotel looking for eye witnesses to interview. They spoke to several people but the only person he can recall who was in the area of the shooting was a female reporter from American Heritage by the name of Kristi Wicker.

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Date 10/3/68

Mr. LANSING LAMONT, 5163 Tilden Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. (WDC), advised he is the national political correspondent for Time, Incorporated, Suite 1200, 1120 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.

During the week of June 3-6, 1968, he was assigned to the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY campaign and was registered staying at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California.

Mr. LAMONT advised he was in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel during the time Senator KENNEDY was giving his victory speech subsequent to the California primary election.

Mr. LAMONT was to the left front of the podium as he faced Senator KENNEDY during the speech. After Senator KENNEDY finished speaking, he observed the Senator and his party exit through a curtained doorway to the rear of the podium. Mr. LAMONT then walked towards the television cameras located at the rear of the Embassy Room and started towards the corridor which would lead to the Colonial Room where the Senator was to give a short press conference to members of the writing press. As he neared the door leading to the corridor, Mr. LAMONT heard loud shouting and screaming coming from the area near the podium. As the shouting grew louder, he walked over in an effort to determine cause. It was perhaps two or three minutes after Senator KENNEDY left the speakers platform that this shouting began. He then determined persons including Senator KENNEDY had been shot in the serving kitchen area.

Mr. LAMONT said he entered the serving kitchen area and observed Senator KENNEDY lying on the floor and another man who was wounded lying almost head to toe to the Senator.

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by SA JOSEPH C. KELLY:sas Date dictated 10/3/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Mr. LANSING LAMONT, 5163 Tilder Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. (WDC), advised he is the national political correspondent for Time, Incorporated, Suite 1200, 1120 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.

During the week of June 3-6, 1968, he was assigned to the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY campaign and was registered staying at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California.

Mr. LAMONT advised he was in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel during the time Senator KENNEDY was giving his victory speech subsequent to the California primary election.

Mr. LAMONT was to the left front of the podium as he faced Senator KENNEDY during the speech. After Senator KENNEDY finished speaking, he observed the Senator and his party exit through a curtained doorway to the rear of the podium. Mr. LAMONT then walked towards the television cameras located at the rear of the Embassy Room and started towards the corridor which would lead to the Colonial Room where the Senator was to give a short press conference to members of the writing press. As he neared the door leading to the corridor, Mr. LAMONT heard loud shouting and screaming coming from the area near the podium. As the shouting grew louder, he walked over in an effort to determine cause. It was perhaps two or three minutes after Senator KENNEDY left the speakers platform that this shouting began. He then determined persons including Senator KENNEDY had been shot in the serving kitchen area.

Mr. LAMONT said he entered the serving kitchen area and observed Senator KENNEDY lying on the floor and another man who was wounded lying almost head to toe to the Senator.

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Date 9/26/68

DARYL LEMBKE, 19 Sky View Way, San Francisco, California, who is a reporter and Chief of the San Francisco Bureau for the "Los Angeles Times", with offices at 905 Mission Street, San Francisco, furnished the following information:

LEMBKE was assigned to cover the campaign of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY in connection with the primary in Oregon and California. As a result of this assignment, he was in Los Angeles, California on June 4, 1968 when the California primary elections were held.

On the night of June 4-5, 1968, LEMBKE was in the Ambassador Hotel and in the Embassy Room of that hotel or the Press Room adjacent to the Embassy Room most of the evening of June 4, 1968. At the time the late Senator KENNEDY was shot, LEMBKE was talking on a telephone located in a bank of telephones in the Embassy Room. He heard some screams and ran over to see what had happened. He was told by some unknown individual that Senator KENNEDY had been shot and he observed a woman lying beside the podium in the Embassy Room with blood on her head. He was unable to get into the serving kitchen area outside the Embassy Room where the actual shooting of Senator KENNEDY had taken place.

LEMBKE is not acquainted with SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and does not recall seeing anyone answering his description around the hotel on the night Senator KENNEDY was assassinated. He also has no knowledge which would indicate there was any conspiracy involved in the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 31, 1968

Mr. Frank Manitzas, producer, Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) News, 524 West 57th St., New York, New York, stated that on the night of June 4-5, 1968, he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

During Senator Kennedy's speech and the subsequent events until 3 or 4 AM, Manitzas was in a CBS remote unit which was a truck parked in front of the hotel, consequently he did not witness the shooting. He has never seen Sirhan Sirhan.

At approximately 3 or 4 AM, Manitzas went to the hospital where Senator Kennedy had been taken.

The only members of Manitzas' staff that he can recall having been near the scene of the shooting were cameraman Jim Wilson and his crew.

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by SA Francis L. Cashin/fc

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Date 10/1/68

Mr. JAMES J. MARCONEY, Unit Manager, National Broadcasting Company, Incorporated, (NBC) 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York stated that he was with the Senator ROBERT KENNEDY campaign in each state where a primary was held and on the night of June 4-5, 1968, he was in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, when Senator KENNEDY made his speech.

Prior to the speech, MARCONEY was in the Gold Room, which is near the Embassy Room where the speech was later made, checking the work to be done by NBC.

During Senator KENNEDY's speech, MARCONEY was generally behind and to the right of Senator KENNEDY, doing his job.

Prior to Senator KENNEDY's speech, MARCONEY heard that Senator KENNEDY, after his speech, was going to go to the room below the Embassy Room and make a second speech to the overflowing crowd. However, MARCONEY heard that before going to make the second speech, Senator KENNEDY was going to go to the Colonial Room which was being used as a press room, to talk to the working press.

During Senator KENNEDY's speech, MARCONEY saw FRED DUTTON and BILL BARRY leave the Embassy Room. MARCONEY went with them. They went to the Colonial Room and then back to the Embassy Room. MARCONEY is of the impression that BARRY and DUTTON were just looking to see where the Colonial Room was located. On the walk to and from the Embassy Room, BARRY, DUTTON, and MARCONEY went through the place where Senator KENNEDY was later shot.

MARCONEY recalls that there were approximately ten people in that area, some were hotel employees and others, probably people interested in the campaign or just sightseers. MARCONEY noticed nothing undue. He did not see SIRHAN SIRHAN to his knowledge.

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After Senator KENNEDY's speech, MAROONEY followed him out of the Embassy Room toward the Colonial Room. Along the way, when MAROONEY was at least fifteen feet behind Senator KENNEDY, MAROONEY heard about four shots at close intervals. There were tremendous screams from the area of Senator KENNEDY, particularly to his right. People were rushing to get out. Other people behind MAROONEY were pushing to get in as they did not know that anything had happened. MAROONEY did not see the shots being fired.

MAROONEY saw a man on the floor who he later learned was PAUL SCHRADE and he thought that SCHRADE was dead.

There was a scuffle around the area of Senator KENNEDY but MAROONEY could not see what was happening.

MAROONEY then saw SIRHAN SIRHAN. There were at least two white males, holding SIRHAN. SIRHAN was lying on a table with his arms stretched out. These men were lying on SIRHAN holding him on the table. One of the men may have been a blonde hair maitre d' hotel.

SIRHAN's hand was free, however, and he was holding a small gun. This is the only time MAROONEY saw SIRHAN.

MAROONEY did not hear SIRHAN say anything.

At this time MAROONEY, with others (DICK TUCK of Senator KENNEDY's staff is one MAROONEY can recall) locked arms, forming a human chain, and backed into the crowd so that there would be room around Senator KENNEDY who was lying on the floor.

Others who were in the immediate area at the time were FRED DUTTON; BILL BARRY; DICK TUCK; HUGH MC DONALD of Senator KENNEDY's staff; JIM WILSON, a Columbia Broadcasting System cameraman; and EDDIE, the assistant banquet manager at the hotel.

People were taking care of Senator KENNEDY and MAROONEY did not see what was happening to SIRHAN. There were no major movements in the area of SIRHAN so MAROONEY concluded that he (SIRHAN) must have been being held there.

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At one point MAROONEY moved two benches across the entrance to the kitchen from the pantry to keep people out.

MAROONEY did not hear Senator KENNEDY say anything as he was not close enough but he saw Senator KENNEDY's mouth move in speech.

At least two policemen then came in. MAROONEY thinks they were carrying shotguns. Later an ambulance crew came and carried Senator KENNEDY out of the room.

After Senator KENNEDY left, people were talking and there were no police so MAROONEY concluded that SIRHAN must have been removed prior to Senator KENNEDY.

MAROONEY stated that at the time of the shooting, he recalls a male wearing light color clothes run out of the room. MAROONEY could not recall anything about the description of this individual but remembers the incident only because the individual seemed so be reacting out of context to others.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/7/68

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JOHN B. MARQUAND, journalist for the "New York Review", 250 West 57th Street, New York, New York, vacationing at Great Pond, Edgartown, Massachusetts, said he was staying at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, the night the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was assassinated there June 5, 1968.

At approximately midnight, June 4, 1968, MARQUAND was in the serving kitchen of the Ambassador Hotel along with other journalists and newspaper writers and kitchen employees of the above hotel awaiting KENNEDY's exit from the hotel via that area. Since MARQUAND's good friend, GEORGE PLIMPTON, editor and free lance writer, was accompanying KENNEDY, MARQUAND anticipated a brief interview of KENNEDY as the latter passed through that area.

Suddenly, as the bodyguards and vanguard of KENNEDY's group with KENNEDY entered the serving kitchen, MARQUAND heard what sounded to him like several Chinese firecrackers going off. Then he saw ROOSEVELT GRIER, ex-pro football player; RAFAEL JOHNSON, ex-Olympic athletic star; GEORGE PLIMPTON; and others seize a frail, small young man who looked like a teen-age Mexican and hold his right arm aloft. There was a handgun in his right hand which they wrestled from him. They then threw him on top of a serving table and appeared to be "tearing him apart". Because of the excitement and confusion, MARQUAND failed to note KENNEDY lying on the floor for some seconds after the above scene took place. MARQUAND said he subsequently learned through the news media that the young man with the gun in his hand was SIRHAN B. SIRHAN.

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MARQUAND had never seen SIRHAN before the above incident and did not see him shoot KENNEDY. He knew no one who knew SIRHAN or who had seen him about the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4, 1968. He could furnish no information as to any conspiracy to assassinate KENNEDY.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 18, 1968

Mr. Steve Nelson, engineer, WNEW-News, 565 5th Ave., New York, New York, telephone number 986-7000, stated that on the evening of June 4-5, 1968 he was in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California in room 473. Room 473 was a working room for WNEW-News.

Nelson was in the room during Senator Kennedy's speech and the first he heard of the shooting was when WNEW reporter Dan Blackburn called the room and told them of the shooting. Nelson remained in the room, working, until 8:00am on June 5, 1968.

Nelson did not see the shooting and has never seen Sirhan Sirhan.

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Date 10/3/681

Miss CAROL CUGHTON, 1615 18th Street, N. W., Apartment 407, employed by Public Broadcast Lab, 1619 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., advised as follows:

She was registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on the evening of June 4, 1968, being there as a reporter for Public Broadcast Lab, which is concerned mostly with T.V. Educational Publications.

At the time Senator KENNEDY was shot, she was in the lobby of the hotel on her way out for supper. She did not see the shooting and could only comment on the commotion caused by the shooting.

She does not know SIRHAN SIRHAN, never saw him, and knows nothing concerning any possible conspiracy in which he may be involved.

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JOHN PILGER, Writer for the London, England, "London Daily Mirror", who works out of the New York Office of this publication, 220 East 42nd Street, New York, New York, was interviewed at his hotel, The Beverly Carlton, 9400 West Olympic Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California, telephone 275-5221.

Mr. PILGER said at the time of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, Mr. PILGER was in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, standing near the podium. He never did get into the kitchen area where the shooting took place, consequently he did not witness the shooting or the immediate aftermath. He had no recollection of seeing SIRHAN SIRHAN at any time.

Mr. PILGER said he had been with HARRY BENSON, Photographer, who did work for the Black Star Publishing Company, New York City, New York. He thought the FBI had already interviewed Mr. BENSON.

Mr. PILGER, by phone, November 7, 1968, advised that GEORGE GALE of the "London Daily Mirror" had also been at the Ambassador Hotel at the time of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY. GALE is based in London, but has been recently in the United States. He is thought to have just recently returned to London. The New York Office of the "London Daily Mirror" could advise if GALE is still in the United States and his whereabouts. Mr. PILGER did not know if Mr. GALE had been interviewed by the FBI or not. Mr. PILGER added he had, in substance, furnished the above information to the Los Angeles Police Department.

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Date October 31, 1968

Mr. Marty Plissner, writer and associate producer, Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), 524 West 57th Street, New York, N. Y., stated that on the night of June 4-5, 1968 he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

During Senator Kennedy's speech, Plissner was in the ballroom about twenty feet away from Senator Kennedy. At the end of the speech, Plissner was in a hurry to get out of the ballroom and tried to go in the direction of Senator Kennedy. There was such a crowd in that area that Plissner headed in another direction and was evidently behind a pillar in the ballroom at the time of the shooting.

Plissner heard no shots but heard women screaming and someone say something such as "is he alive?". Plissner then reasoned that there must have been a shooting.

Plissner was unable to get in the room where the shooting occurred and did not see the shooting, Senator Kennedy or Sirhan Sirhan.

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REGULY advised that JOHN BREHL of the "Toronto Star" is permanently assigned to the home office in Toronto. BREHL was not in Los Angeles at the time of KENNEDY's assassination, but flew to Los Angeles the next day to help REGULY cover the story.

At the time of the assassination, REGULY was sitting in the Temporary Press Room talking to HILLIARY LAMB. They were awaiting for an appearance of KENNEDY when they heard popping sounds and went to the kitchen area. REGULY saw KENNEDY on the ground and also saw SIRHAN being held by ROSIE GRIER, RAFAEL JOHNSON, and an unknown white man. GRIER had hold of SIRHAN's hand and gun and was pointing the gun towards the wall. GRIER then took the gun from SIRHAN and passed it to JOHNSON. REGULY then saw GEORGE PLIMPTON grab SIRHAN.

REGULY had never seen SIRHAN before. He heard SIRHAN say while he was being held by GRIER and JOHNSON, "I can explain, I can explain". At this time, GRIER was twisting SIRHAN's leg.

Out in the hall a girl who was a KENNEDY aide to FRANK MANKIEWICZ was saying that she had thrown him (meaning SIRHAN) out twice and that she did not see how he got back in. REGULY did not know this girl's name, but said she was tall, large boned, and brunette.

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Date 10/10/68

Mr. WALTER J. SHERIDAN, 4901 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, Maryland, who is employed as a special correspondent by the National Broadcasting Company, advised that he went to Los Angeles, California, immediately following the Indiana Primary Election in 1968 and that he was in close contact with the Senator ROBERT KENNEDY Campaign Headquarters in Los Angeles from that time until Senator KENNEDY was shot on June 5, 1968.

Mr. SHERIDAN related after observing a photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN that to his knowledge he had never seen this individual.

Mr. SHERIDAN stated that on June 4, 1968, he worked at the Wilshire Boulevard Headquarters of Senator KENNEDY and at about the time the polling places closed he went to the Ambassador Hotel. He was at the Ambassador Hotel with CAESAR CHAVEZ who is from Delano, California, and had brought a group of about 200 Mexican-American farm laborers to Los Angeles to help with the election. He noted that CHAVEZ is the head of the farm workers in Delano, California. Mr. SHERIDAN related that during the evening of June 4, 1968, he had made arrangements for the above workers to be present when Senator KENNEDY spoke after results of the election became known and he had been to Senator KENNEDY's suite at the Ambassador Hotel to arrange for CHAVEZ to speak personally with KENNEDY. After such arrangements were made, he went to find CHAVEZ in a lower level of the Ambassador Hotel, but could not locate him.

Mr. SHERIDAN said that RICHARD COLEMAN, a Los Angeles attorney, had invited him, CAROL ASH, THERESA WALSTON and KATIE MURPHY to dinner and that this group was

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eating dinner at the Chancellor Hotel when they learned of Senator KENNEDY being shot.

SHERIDAN stated that two nights before the election a reception was held for Senator KENNEDY and his wife at the Cocoanut Grove at the Ambassador Hotel. On this occasion the hotel was very crowded and he accompanied Senator KENNEDY from his room to the reception and they were taken through the serving kitchen to avoid the crowds. SHERIDAN was of the opinion that SIRHAN may have observed this and been able to have positioned himself to be near KENNEDY after KENNEDY spoke following the election.

SHERIDAN stated that during the day of June 4, 1968, the KIBLAH (phonetic) KHAN, an Iranian, was at the Wilshire Boulevard Headquarters of Senator KENNEDY. SHERIDAN said KHAN had introduced himself at that time and told SHERIDAN he had met SHERIDAN on a previous occasion. SHERIDAN related this was not true but that he knew KHAN from an occasion in 1963 or 1964 when an attorney acquaintance of his represented KHAN when the KHAN had alleged that the Shah of Iran had misappropriated millions of dollars of U. S. aid money. SHERIDAN said that he mentioned seeing KHAN in Los Angeles on June 4, 1968, only as he had heard that there was some connection between KHAN and SIRHAN.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 24, 1968

Mr. Dieter Strand stated that he is a reporter for the newspaper 'Aftonbladet' in Stockholm, Sweden and that he was staying at the Belmont Plaza Hotel, Lexington Avenue and 49th Street, New York, New York. His newspaper has an office at 303 West 42nd St., New York, N. Y.

In June, 1968 he was in California covering the primary and was registered at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles.

During Senator Kennedy's speech on the evening of June 4, 1968 Strand was in the press room which was near the room in which Senator Kennedy was making his speech. At the conclusion of Senator Kennedy's speech, Strand left the press room and was on the way to his room when Senator Kennedy was shot. He did not see the shooting or Senator Kennedy. To his knowledge he has never seen Sirhan Sirhan.

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Date 10/17/68

B. E. ULLMAN, reporter, French News Agency,
914 National Press Building, furnished the following
information:

ULLMAN travelled with the KENNEDY Campaign party
in California and part of the time in Oregon. The night of
the California Primary Election ULLMAN was at the Ambassador
Hotel. He listened to KENNEDY's victory speech in the
Embassy Room and then the Senator left the room. ULLMAN
stayed in the room and used the telephone. While he was on
the telephone he learned what happened to KENNEDY. He attempted
to get into the kitchen area but was unable to do so
because of the crowd. He did not see SIRHAN or KENNEDY
after the shooting.

ULLMAN does not remember seeing a person resembling
the photo of SIRHAN at any time during the campaign.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 17, 1968

Mr. Alan Walden, News Director, WNEW Radio Station, 565 5th Avenue, New York, New York, stated that on the night of June 4 - 5, 1968 he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

During Senator Robert Kennedy's speech, Walden was in a room on the third floor of the hotel where he had set up a broadcast studio, consequently he was not in the vicinity of Senator Kennedy when he was shot and did not witness the shooting. He has never seen Sirhan Sirhan.

The first time that Walden heard of the shooting was while Walden was in the third floor broadcast room. He heard one of his announcers, Dan Blackburn, who was in the vicinity of Senator Kennedy, announce that Senator Kennedy had been shot.

Shortly thereafter Walden went to the room where Senator Kennedy had been shot. There was such a crowd there that Walden did not try to get in and he returned to the third floor.

None of the men in Walden's group were in the area of the shooting except Dan Blackburn.

Dan Blackburn can be contacted at the Washington Bureau of Metromedia News, 5151 Wisconsin Ave., Northwest, Washington, D. C., telephone number 202-244-6220.

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Date 10/10/68

MARY ANN WIEGERS, 2939 Van Ness Street, Washington, D. C., was interviewed at her place of employment, "Washington Post" newspaper. She furnished the following information:

She said she was assigned by the Post to cover the campaigns of presidential candidates. She covered part of the Oregon campaign and also part of the California campaign of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. The night of the shooting she said she was in the suite of KENNEDY's on the fifth floor of the Ambassador Hotel. When the party left the suite to go to the Embassy room, she followed on a different elevator. She said she stood near the T.V. cameras at the back of the room during KENNEDY's speech. Immediately following the speech she left by cab to go to MC CARTHY's headquarters. It was not until she arrived in MC CARTHY's suite that she heard of the shooting at which time she went back to the Ambassador Hotel and to KENNEDY's suite.

She stated that while she was in the suite a young girl, approximately fifteen years of age, was brought in by two Los Angeles policemen and a young woman. The teen-age girl had been sitting on the back steps of the Ambassador and following the shooting stated a girl in a black dress with white polka dots rushed by yelling, "We killed him, we killed him." WIEGERS stated this teen-age girl was hysterical at the time she saw her.

MARY ANN said she had not seen SIRHAN or the girl in the polka-dot dress at any time.

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Records of the Los Angeles, California Police Department indicate that Mr. (First Name Unknown) ADKINS, 17 Avon Place, Yonkers, New York, was present in or adjacent to the Embassy Ballroom, Ambassador Hotel, on June 4-5, 1968, which room was being utilized by the campaign forces of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY to hear the results of the California primary election and to celebrate the Senator's victory in California.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/7/68

STEVEN ATKINS, 15 Claremont Road, Scarsdale, New York, advised that he was employed as an advance man on the campaign staff of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY in May and June, 1968. He was in Los Angeles, California, late in May, but had left several days prior to the assassination on June 5, 1968.

Mr. ATKINS advised that his wife had not accompanied him on the trip to Los Angeles, and she was not present at the Ambassador Hotel. He assumed that the identity of Mr. and Mrs. ATKINS was in error, or referred to another couple, since she should not have been listed as having been at the Ambassador Hotel. He added that while he was at the hotel, he had used the address of his father, JOSEPH ATKINS, Medical Doctor, 17 Avon Place, Yonkers, New York.

As a result, Mr. ATKINS could furnish no information in this matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 11/8/68

Miss LINDA BOND, Room 3130, San Rafael Hall, University of California, Santa Barbara, telephonically contacted the writer at the Santa Barbara Resident Agency of the FBI and advised that she had been in the Ambassador Hotel ballroom attending the victory celebration for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY on June 4, and June 5, 1968 when Senator KENNEDY was shot. She stated that she was not in a position to see the incident or the assailant, and she could offer no first-hand information concerning the affair. She stated that she had been interviewed at length by the Los Angeles Police Department shortly after the crime, had furnished them all the information she had, and that she had not subsequently recalled any information which might be pertinent to this matter.

She stated that she is presently a student at the University of California, Santa Barbara and her home address is 5910 Kentland Avenue, Woodland Hills, California.

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On 11/1/68 at Santa Barbara, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA GORDON B. PLAYMAN/jar Date dictated 11/6/68

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1Date 10/9/68

On October 8, 1968, RICHARD COLEMAN, 20656 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, California (phone 456-6346) (business telephone 626-7611), was interviewed regarding any possible information he might have pertaining to the shooting of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY.

Mr. COLEMAN advised he was dining at the Chancellor Hotel in Los Angeles, California, at the time of the shooting. He stated that he learned of the shooting while observing a television which was in the dining area. COLEMAN stated that he returned to the Ambassador Hotel in an effort to learn of the condition of KENNEDY, however, due to the mass confusion at the hotel he was unable to learn anything regarding the Senator's condition and he learned that the Senator had been removed from the hotel.

COLEMAN stated that he never saw the man who was identified as SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and that SIRHAN had also been removed from the hotel by the time he arrived.

COLEMAN stated that at approximately 3:00 a.m. the morning of the shooting he went to his home.

COLEMAN stated that he had worked for the Senator as an attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice and he was extremely upset upon learning of the shooting.

COLEMAN advised that he had no other information pertaining to shooting.

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10/11/68

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WILLIAM R. HODGES, Army Serial No. ER 19905320, assigned to Company C, 1st Battalion, U. S. Army Medical Training Center, Fort Sam Houston, advised that on June 4-5, 1968, he resided at 513 Ocean Boulevard, Manhattan Beach, California. His present home address is 235 25th Street, Hermosa Beach, California. He advised he graduated from the University of Southern California at Los Angeles in June 1967, and in June 1968, was working for the Manhattan Beach City School District as a substitute teacher, fourth through eighth grades.

He advised he arrived at the Embassy Room about 7:45 p.m., June 4, 1968. With him in his car was his girl friend, CAROL FENBURY, 2216 Strand, Manhattan Beach, California, and his brother ROBERT R. HODGES, 531 21st Street, Manhattan Beach, California.

In a second car was his brother, DAVID HODGES, 235 25th Street, Hermosa Beach, California, and the latter's girl friend, JANET LOWRIE, who is employed at the Westrey Nursery School. Also in that car were DEKKER RAWLINGS and his wife, SHARON RAWLINGS, who live in Manhattan Beach.

The two cars arrived with their occupants within five minutes of each other.

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From approximately 7:45 p.m. until about 11:30 p.m., all of the party were together, standing between the television cameras and the entrance to the corridor from which Senator KENNEDY was expected to enter the Embassy Room.

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podium. He said he lost sight of this individual in the crowd, and that he really saw only the back of his head. He said that this man was not moving in a definite direction, but appeared rather to be wandering.

He said this individual attracted his attention because he was the only unkempt person in the room; everyone else there was dressed in business clothes and looked clean and well kept. He said that he remembered remarking to his girl friend CAROL FENBURY, "How do you suppose he got in?" He said he was not sure, but that CAROL may have seen this individual also.

HODGES said that none of the members of his party had a camera. He did not remember seeing any girl in a polka dot dress.

HODGES viewed a photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, and stated he could not identify the unkempt person he had seen as being identical with the photograph of SIRHAN.

He said that, since the hour was getting late and it appeared they would not be able to see Senator KENNEDY, he, CAROL FENBURY, and ROBERT HODGES left about 11:30 p.m. in their car and the others with the exception of LINDA LEE HODGES left in their car at the same time. He said that his car was on the freeway returning to Manhattan Beach, California, when they heard the announcement of the shooting on the radio.

HODGES said that CAROL FENBURY is employed by the Torrance City School District. His sister-in-law, LINDA LEE HODGES, is a substitute teacher employed by the Lennox School District. His brother, ROBERT R. HODGES, is a law student attending a private law school near Long Beach, the name of which he could not remember. His younger brother, DAVID HODGES is a student at El Camino Junior College.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	WILLIAM R. HODGES
Race	White

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Sex	Male
Date of Birth	May 15, 1944
	Los Angeles, California
Height	5'11"
Weight	165 pounds (193 in June 1968)
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Hazel
Marital Status	Single
Home Address	235 25th Street
	Hermosa Beach, California
Father	ROBERT T. HODGES
	132 $\frac{1}{2}$ Galleon
	Venice, California
Mother	HELEN R. HODGES
	235 25th Street
	Hermosa Beach, California
Brothers	ROBERT R. HODGES
	531 21st Street
	Manhattan Beach, California
	DAVID HODGES
	235 25th Street
	Hermosa Beach, California

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Date 10/7/68

JANE KEARNS, residing at 1337 22nd. Street, North West, Washington, D.C., and employed as a Secretary to the Director, American Film Institute, 1815 H Street, North West, Washington, D.C., advised as follows:

She said she was formerly employed as an Assistant to DONALD WILSON who was in charge of publicity on a nation wide basis in the campaign of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

She said that she was in the Embassy Ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, listening to the talk given by Senator KENNEDY just before he was shot.

She said that she and a number of other campaign workers had spontaneously formed an aisle or passageway through which they presumed the Senator would walk through on his way out of the Embassy Ballroom. This aisle or passageway ran to the right from the podium in the direction of an exit door, which was the shortest route from the room.

She said, however, that Senator KENNEDY did not walk toward the group formed aisle, but instead walked in the opposite direction toward the kitchen area. She said that she then heard a commotion, something like a metal table striking a wall. She said that she heard no shots or what sounded like gun shots.

KEARNS stated that she had never seen SIRHAN SIRHAN at any time.

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by SA WALTER B. SAVAGE:wbs Date dictated 10/7/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/24/68

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JOHN V. KENNY, a Political Science Major, and presently residing at 249 Rankin Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, while he is attending Providence College, in Providence, Rhode Island, advised that on June 4, 1968, he was present in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, where he heard and observed Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY deliver an address to his campaign forces.

He stated that at that time he was not employed by the Radio Station, WEAN, Providence, Rhode Island, but was subsequently employed when he contacted an individual by the name of HARRY MC KENNA, News Director, for the Radio Station WEAN.

Mr. KENNY stated that he was on the stage when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY addressed his campaign forces, and took several pictures of the KENNEDY entourage as well as a number of individuals in the audience.

He stated that he took several pictures of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, as he was speaking at the podium.

He stated that after Senator KENNEDY spoke he walked to his right, on the stage, and then turned around and proceeded to the rear of the stage and jumped off the stage and proceeded into an area, which he now knows as the kitchen corridor area.

He stated that he with his camera continued to follow after Senator KENNEDY and continued to take pictures of him proceeding through the kitchen corridor door, which is located to the rear of the Embassy Room.

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On 10/16/68 at Providence, Rhode Island File # Boston 44-646

SA MARTIN P. CONLEY/ dmb

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He stated that he held his camera over his head and took a number of shots.

He stated that when he entered the small corridor of the room he heard a loud explosion and then observed the individual, now known to him as SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, being held by a very large Negro male, who he now knows as ROSEVELT GRIER.

He stated that a union official who was shot in the corridor, and who was previously standing on the stage, next to Senator KENNEDY as he addressed the crowd fell down in front of him.

KENNY stated that to the best of his knowledge and recollection he did not see SIRHAN B. SIRHAN prior to the time that he saw him being subdued by ROSEVELT GRIER.

KENNY pointed out that as he trailed behind Senator KENNEDY, who was departing through the kitchen corridor, he extended his hands over his head and with his camera attempted to take photographs in the kitchen corridor.

He stated that he had submitted the photos for development, but they were returned with a notation that they were not good enough for printing.

Mr. KENNY stated that upon his return to Providence, Rhode Island, he was interviewed by HARRY MC KENNA, News Director of Radio Station WEAN, Providence, Rhode Island, and stated that he kept a tape of the interview with MC KENNA.

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Mr. KENNY advised that he was born on September 2, 1947, at New York, New York, and resides at Apartment 1B, 1675 Metropolitan Avenue, Bronx, New York, when not in attendance at Providence College.

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Date 10/24/681.

JOHN V. KENNY made available six negatives of photographs which he attempted to take on June 4, 1968, in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

These photographs were taken in and about the time Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot by SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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Mrs. ESTELYN LA HIVE, also known as Mrs. JOSEPH A. LA HIVE, 4055 Tujunga Avenue, Apartment 305, Studio City, California, telephone 985-4681, advised the following:

On the evening of June 4, 1968, and the early morning of June 5, 1968, Mrs. LA HIVE had been at the Ambassador Hotel during the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY campaign party. Mrs. LA HIVE was not married to Mr. LA HIVE at the time and her maiden name was ESTELYN DUFFY.

When Senator KENNEDY finished his speech in the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel, at around 12:15 a.m. on June 5, 1968, Mr. and Mrs. LA HIVE were standing in a corridor, a sort of anteroom, behind the stage where Senator KENNEDY was speaking. When the speech was finished, the Senator and his party left the stage and passed through the swinging doors into the kitchen area. Mr. and Mrs. LA HIVE then started to follow the KENNEDY party toward the kitchen area. Just before they reached the swinging door area, she heard some popping noises which at first she did not realize were gunshots. There were two or three shots, then a slight pause, then several more shots.

Mr. LA HIVE at this point voiced the opinion that it was gunfire they had heard and immediately ran into the kitchen area to investigate. Mrs. LA HIVE stayed in the anteroom and did not observe any of the immediate aftermath in the kitchen. She saw one woman come running out of the kitchen who had blood on her forehead and soon became aware after all the screams and confusion that there had been a shooting and that the Senator had been shot, as well as several other persons.

Mrs. LA HIVE stated that she and her husband had entered the Embassy Room, shortly before the Senator KENNEDY speech, through the kitchen area, and that she had noted there were several people in the kitchen area at the time of her entry whom she felt were employees of the hotel. She had no recollection of seeing the suspect, SIRHAN SIRHAN, in the kitchen at that time or of ever having seen him prior to the time he was apprehended and removed from the area by the police.

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Mrs. LA HIVE, following examination of photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN and members of his family, stated she had no recollection of seeing any of the persons in the photographs at any time, with the exception of SIRHAN SIRHAN when he was removed from the hotel following his arrest.

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Date 10/3/68

Mr. JOSEPH A. LA HIVE, 4055 Tujunga Avenue, Studio City, California, Apartment 305, telephone 985-4681, advised the following:

Mr. LA HIVE, who does sales promotion work for the Jim Beam Liquor Distributing Company of Chicago, Illinois, and whose local business address is in care of Taylor Food Products, 1910 East Imperial Highway, El Segundo, California, telephone 772-4308, said that he was also President of the Democratic Club in Van Nuys, California.

With respect to the investigation of SIRHAN SIRHAN, charged with shooting Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, Mr. LA HIVE said that there was a warehouse employee at the Western Distributing Company, 2440 East 38th Street, Los Angeles, telephone 583-8761, who had related to him about a month previous that SIRHAN SIRHAN had a close friend, a waiter. This friend reportedly was employed by the Fiore D'Italia Restaurant, 14928 Ventura Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, California, telephone 783-9074.

The warehouse employee's name Mr. LA HIVE could not recall specifically but he had the phonetic name of TONY MUMO. This individual is known as a friend of TONY MARCELLA, who also works in some sort of supervisory capacity in the Western Distributing Company. He can identify TONY MUMO (phonetic).

Mr. LA HIVE had no further details concerning the reported friend of SIRHAN SIRHAN or the source of the information.

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Mr. JOSEPH A. LA HIVE, 4055 Tujunga Avenue,
Apartment 305, Studio City, California, telephone 985-4681,
advised the following:

Mr. LA HIVE, President of the Van Nuys Democratic Club, attended the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY campaign party and speech on the evening of June 4, 1968, and the morning of June 5, 1968 at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California. At approximately 12:15 a.m. on June 5, 1968 when Senator KENNEDY finished his speech in the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel, Mr. LA HIVE and Miss ESTELYN DUFFY, now Mrs. JOSEPH A. LA HIVE, were standing in a corridor behind the stage area, a sort of anteroom. Senator KENNEDY left the stage area and passed on Mr. LA HIVE's left, followed by his party and proceeded through the swinging doors into the kitchen area.

Mr. LA HIVE and Miss DUFFY started to follow the Senator and just about this time, Mr. LA HIVE heard what sounded to him like gunfire, six or seven shots coming from the kitchen area. Mr. LA HIVE left Miss DUFFY and rushed to the kitchen. A woman with blood running down the middle of her forehead rushed out of the kitchen area toward Mr. LA HIVE. He noted panic and screams from the people in the kitchen.

LA HIVE at this point observed a man lying on the floor who appeared to be shot through the head. He later learned that this man was PAUL SCHRADER. There appeared to be another man lying on the floor who was not known to Mr. LA HIVE. He then saw Senator KENNEDY lying on the floor and noted that blood was coming from a wound at the right ear. He then observed a struggle going on between some men and noted that ROSIE GRIER, a member of the Senator KENNEDY party, was headed toward the struggling group and LA HIVE followed GRIER. At this point, he saw a gun on a table with about six men's hands and arms struggling for possession of it. It was noted that a finger was still in the trigger guard and LA HIVE stepped in to grab the gun and got hold of the barrel of the gun. ROSIE GRIER had grabbed the suspect and GRIER had placed his body on top of the suspect, who had hold of the gun. At this point, RAFAEL JOHNSON, member of the Senator KENNEDY party, arrived and ROSIE GRIER, at Mr. LA HIVE's suggestion,

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released the gun which had been taken out of the suspect's hand. Mr. LA HIVE at this point grabbed the suspect's left leg and threw a leg lock hold on it until the police arrived five or six minutes later. There was considerable buffeting around in trying to transfer the suspect to the police and protect him from people who were shouting, "kill him" and similar remarks. Only one suspect was observed by Mr. LA HIVE.

Mr. LA HIVE stated that he had some small cuts on his face and some blood on his suit and face, but he did not know exactly how they got there.

Mr. LA HIVE at this point returned to the anteroom area near the entrance to the Embassy Room to join Miss DUFFY, who had not proceeded to the kitchen with Mr. LA HIVE.

Mr. LA HIVE recalled he and Miss DUFFY, when they arrived at the Embassy Room shortly before the Senator KENNEDY speech, were unable to get in through the front entrance of the Embassy Room so they went to the rear and came in through the same kitchen area where Senator KENNEDY had been shot. Mr. LA HIVE said that there were a number of people in the kitchen at the time whom he thought were probably employees of the hotel, but made no particular note of them and had no recollection of having seen the suspect, later identified as SIRHAN SIRHAN, in the kitchen at that time. The only time he recalls seeing SIRHAN SIRHAN was at the time of the shooting as described above.

Mr. LA HIVE related that following the removal of SIRHAN SIRHAN from the Ambassador Hotel by the police, a number of newscasters had interviewed him in the vicinity of the Embassy Room at which time he related in substance the same story which he had furnished the police and the FBI with respect to his recollection of the incident surrounding the KENNEDY shooting. He thinks that newscasters for the

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National Broadcasting Company, the American Broadcasting Company, and KTLA, Channel 5, Los Angeles, were among the television newscasters who had interviewed him at the time.

Photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN, as well as members of his family, were exhibited to Mr. LA HIVE who said that he had no recollection of ever having seen any of the individuals in the photographs at any time with the exception of SIRHAN SIRHAN.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/2/68

RICHARD JOSEPH LITTLE was interviewed at his place of employment, OLNEY MOTORS, Missoula, Montana, where he is employed as a salesman. LITTLE advised as follows:

MYDA FOOTE is his former mother-in-law. She is also known as Myda Fredericks and is married to FREDERICK J. FOOTE, who also uses the name of Dean Fredericks. They reside in apartment #8, 1845 Canyon Drive, Hollywood 28, California.

LITTLE was visiting them in Los Angeles, California, while on vacation from his job, and accompanied them to the AMBASSADOR HOTEL, Embassy Room, where ROBERT F. KENNEDY was to speak on June 4, 1968. On the night of June 4, 1968, while Senator KENNEDY spoke in the Embassy Room of the AMBASSADOR HOTEL, LITTLE was standing with Mr. and Mrs. FOOTE about 30 feet from the podium used by Senator KENNEDY.

MYDA FOOTE was then reportedly on Senator KENNEDY's staff attached to the Mexican-American Committee as a volunteer worker.

LITTLE stated, after Senator KENNEDY finished his speech and stepped off the podium, he was unable to see him, due to the large crowd packed into the Embassy Room. He and the FOOTES thought Senator KENNEDY would leave the Embassy Room via the corridor to the lobby and they, therefore, moved toward a large television set, which was located in the Embassy Room, and toward the corridor. Instead, Senator KENNEDY left the Embassy Room via a door leading toward the kitchen and was not seen by LITTLE or his companions.

LITTLE stated he did not hear any shots fired and did not see SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN at any time prior to the shooting. On being shown photographs of SIRHAN, Los Angeles Police Department #BK-495,139, taken on June 5, 1968, he advised he saw this individual in the custody of police officers, when the officers brought him through the corridor of the AMBASSADOR HOTEL after the shooting. He did not get a good look at him then, due to the large crowd jammed together.

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SA JOHN C. MOE/11y LA #56-156
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LITTLE recalled, after Senator KENNEDY left the podium and Embassy Room, apparently toward the kitchen, one of the KENNEDY girls, in uniform, whose identity he did not know, came running out of the kitchen to the lobby of the Embassy Room shouting, "They shot him". He was unable to hear or determine who she was referring to. Later, someone said Senator KENNEDY had been shot. He then heard someone shouting, "Don't kill him". He thought this person was referring to SIRHAN.

By this time, he stated he made his way to the door leading from the Embassy Room toward the kitchen and, while there, someone said, "Don't let anyone else in". He, thereafter, assisted in keeping people from entering the door leading to the kitchen, but he did recall he let in three doctors and one priest, while he was standing there.

LITTLE stated he thought he recalled looking at his watch about the time someone mentioned Senator KENNEDY had been shot and, insofar as he can recall, the time was 12:13 a.m., June 5, 1968.

The following description and background information concerning RICHARD JOSEPH LITTLE was obtained through observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Date of birth	December 10, 1932
Place of birth	Hamilton, Montana
Height	5' 10"
Weight	150#
Hair	Blond
Eyes	Blue
Build	Slender
Education	Graduated from Hamilton High School, Hamilton, Montana, and attended Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles, California, for one year

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Employment

Car salesman at OLNEY
MOTORS, Missoula, Montana,
for past one and one-half
years

Military service

U. S. Air Force, 1952-1956,
honorable discharge

Marital status

Divorced

Current residence

2114 - 38th Street, Missoula,
Montana

Remarks

Claims he has no criminal
record

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Records of the Los Angeles, California Police Department indicate that JOHN B. MARTIN, Washington, D. C. Staff of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, was present in or adjacent to the Embassy Ballroom, Ambassador Hotel, on June 4, 5, 1968, which room was being utilized by the campaign forces of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY to hear the results of the California primary election and to celebrate the Senator's victory in California.

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The Newark Division of the FBI advised the following:

On October 28, 1968, ROXANE EBERLEIN, 18 Aiken Avenue, Princeton, New Jersey, Assistant to JOHN B. MARTIN, advised that MARTIN, a former Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, is actively participating in HUMPHREY's election campaign. She said LAWRENCE O'BRIEN would know how to reach MARTIN, as would HUMPHREY's secretary or chief aide traveling with him. EBERLEIN said MARTIN was in the Ambassador Hotel at the time of KENNEDY's shooting. He had conferred briefly with the Senator about comments he would include in his address in the ballroom. KENNEDY left for the ballroom while MARTIN remained behind. He left the suite to get a smoke in the hallway and had intended to observe KENNEDY's speech on television. Somebody, said EBERLEIN, watching the proceedings, located MARTIN and told him about the shooting.

EBERLEIN said the foregoing could be attested to by Mrs. MARTIN who is at their summer home in Nestoria, Michigan, telephone 906-323-6305. She said MARTIN, to the best of her knowledge, left no itinerary where he could be located. She believed him to be traveling either with HUMPHREY or ahead of him, helping set up speeches and talking to newspapermen, etc.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/22/68

Mr. JACK W. MC GRATH, 829 North Vendome Street, Los Angeles, California, telephone 661-5836, related the following:

Mr. MC GRATH, who was a student at San Fernando State College, Northridge, California, during the early part of 1968, is currently employed as a campaign worker for Congressman JIM (JAMES) CORMAN, 904 $\frac{1}{2}$ Woodley Avenue, Sepulveda, California.

On the evening of June 4, 1968, and the morning of June 5, 1968, Mr. MC GRATH had attended the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY campaign party at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles. At the time of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY, Mr. MC GRATH was in a corner of the Embassy Room and did not witness any of the shooting nor did he see SIRHAN SIRHAN.

Mr. MC GRATH said that he had been interviewed by the Los Angeles Police Department as a potential witness subsequent to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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Date 10/4/68

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He advised that he was acquainted with several other people who attended this speech. One was Mr. JACK McGRATH who attended the San Fernando Valley State College in 1968. Another was Miss ELIZABETH HERMAN who works for Station KNXT in Los Angeles. There was also a man named JOE DYER who is a reporter for KNXT and who lives in the Watts area of Los Angeles. Another reported named JIM BROWN who is employed by KNXT and the Columbia Broadcasting System as a recorder was there. RICHARD ORFALEA also brought two girl cousins of his to the affair.

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Mr. McLAUGHLIN said that he does not know anyone named DAVID ROCHE.

PATRICK TIFFANY McLAUGHLIN is a native of Los Angeles, having been born there June 26, 1943. He is 5 feet 7½ inches tall, weighs 155 pounds, and has brown hair and eyes. He attended the University of Southern California and the American Institute of Foreign Trade at Phoenix, Arizona.

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RONALD ALLEN NORMAN, 17102 Adlon Road, Encino, California, telephone ST 3-3949, was interviewed at this location and furnished the following information:

He is a third year student at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

Between 3:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on June 4, 1963, he and an acquaintance, HARVEY PEPPER, 612 North Kings Road, Los Angeles, arrived at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, to attend a celebration for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. NORMAN and PEPPER wandered around the hotel looking for "famous persons" until approximately 11:30 p.m., at which time they met an acquaintance, SUE HARRIS, who had been acting as a press secretary for Senator KENNEDY's campaign in Southern California. HARRIS provided NORMAN and PEPPER with press passes and suggested that if they wanted to see Senator KENNEDY, they could wait in the press room located behind the speakers' platform in the Embassy Room, since the Senator was expected to pass through this location following his address.

NORMAN and PEPPER then proceeded to this press room where thirty to forty news media representatives had gathered to await the completion of Senator KENNEDY's address. NORMAN recalled that following his address, Senator KENNEDY proceeded directly through a passage behind the speakers' platform to a corridor leading to the kitchen area. As NORMAN proceeded from the press room to this corridor, he heard screams coming from the kitchen area. He definitely did not hear any shots fired, or any sounds which he would have interpreted as such. NORMAN and PEPPER then rushed into the kitchen area, where they were told that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. NORMAN recalled that approximately seventy five persons had already gathered in the kitchen area and that Senator KENNEDY was lying on the floor. The area became quite noisy and congested as people continued to gather at this location. NORMAN did not observe anyone who appeared as though he may have been responsible for the shooting.

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NORMAN and PEPPER remained in the kitchen area for approximately five minutes, after which they proceeded to a room at the hotel occupied by SUE HARRIS. HARRIS, who had been packing for her travel to Chicago with the Kennedy campaign party, had already heard about the shooting on the television. NORMAN and PEPPER remained in HARRIS' hotel room for fifteen to twenty minutes, and then left the hotel at approximately 12:45 a.m., June 5, 1963.

NORMAN was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, including a photograph of this individual taken June 5, 1963, by the Los Angeles Police Department. After viewing these photographs, NORMAN advised that he did not observe anyone resembling this individual at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4-5, 1963, or anywhere else prior to these dates. NORMAN was also shown photographs of ADEL SIRHAN, SHARIF SIRHAN, SAIDALLAH SIRHAN, and MUNIR SIRHAN, and after viewing same, advised that to the best of his knowledge, he has never observed any of the individuals depicted in these photographs.

NORMAN advised that PEPPER has never indicated to him that he (PEPPER) observed someone at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1963, or June 5, 1963, who resembled SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. NORMAN noted that he was with PEPPER virtually the entire evening of June 4, 1963, and that he did not himself observe anyone resembling photographs he has seen of this individual. NORMAN then volunteered that PEPPER is a "notorious story teller" who frequently fabricates or exaggerates his observations or experiences. NORMAN further described PEPPER as an individual who seeks attention. As an illustration, NORMAN recalled a recent incident in which PEPPER, while visiting Las Vegas, was mistaken for a Hollywood celebrity and, for several days, assumed the identity of this celebrity to the extent of accepting free room, board, and publicity from a Las Vegas hotel.

NORMAN was unable to furnish any additional information regarding the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

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HARVEY PEPPER, 612 North Kings Road, Los Angeles (653-5366), was interviewed at this location and furnished the following information:

He was born November 27, 1943, and is presently unemployed.

At approximately 3:30 p.m. on June 4, 1968, he and one RON NORMAN, current address unknown, arrived at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, for the purpose of attending a reception for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. From 3:30 p.m. to approximately 11:45 p.m., PEPPER and NORMAN wandered around the hotel with no particular objective. At approximately 9:30 p.m., as PEPPER and NORMAN were mingling with the crowd in the main lobby of the hotel, PEPPER observed a young, sloppily dressed individual, who he later recognized from photographs as being identical to SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. This individual was standing with four other individuals, all approximately 40 years of age and dressed in suits and ties, near a fountain in the lobby. PEPPER recalled that his first impression was that the four well dressed individuals were arresting this youth. Although PEPPER did not hear or observe any words exchanged between the four well dressed individuals and this youth, these individuals were standing in a small circle, and PEPPER definitely feels that all were part of the same group. PEPPER only observed these five individuals for an instant from a distance of approximately ten feet. He was unable to describe these individuals, other than to say that the four well dressed individuals all appeared to be approximately 40 years of age and light complected white males, and that the youth, he later recognized from Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) photographs as being identical to SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, was youthful in appearance, slovenly attired, and dark complected. This latter individual did not appear to have anything in his hands and was not wearing a hat. PEPPER does not know whether NORMAN observed these individuals, and PEPPER has never discussed his observations with NORMAN.

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PEPPER noted that at approximately 12:30 a.m., June 5, 1963, he again observed the above described youth being led from the lobby to the entrance of the hotel, apparently in custody of authorities.

PEPPER was shown photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, ADEL SIRHAN, SHARIF SIRHAN, SAIDALLAH SIRHAN and MUNIR SIRHAN. After viewing these photographs, PEPPER stated that he is certain that the photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN are identical to the above described youth he observed in the hotel lobby. PEPPER indicated that, to the best of his knowledge, he has never observed the individuals depicted in the photographs of ADEL SIRHAN, SHARIF SIRHAN, SAIDALLAH SIRHAN, or MUNIR SIRHAN, and that he is positive that none of these individuals resembled the above described four well dressed individuals he observed in the hotel lobby.

At approximately 11:45 p.m., PEPPER met an acquaintance, SUE HARRIS, who had been acting as a press secretary for the KENNEDY campaign in Southern California. HARRIS supplied PEPPER and HOWARD with press passes and told them if they wanted to shake hands with Senator KENNEDY, they should wait in the press room located behind the speaker's podium in the Embassy Room, since Senator KENNEDY was expected to pass through this location following his address.

PEPPER and HOWARD then proceeded to this Press room, where they remained until Senator KENNEDY finished a short address in the Embassy Room. PEPPER estimates that approximately fifty persons, most of them wearing press passes, had gathered in the press room. Senator KENNEDY, after completing his address, proceeded directly through the passage behind the speakers' platform to the corridor leading to the kitchen, thus bypassing the press room. PEPPER proceeded to this corridor, and, upon reaching this location, heard an unrecalled number of muffled noises, which sounded like dishes breaking ahead of him in the corridor. At this point, PEPPER thought that someone had probably upset one of the stainless steel carts situated along the sides of the corridor. PEPPER continued through

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the corridor to the kitchen area and was unaware that anyone had been shot until reaching this location and observing a newsman who had been shot in the hip. PEPPER recalled that as he passed into the kitchen area, someone closed and stood in front of the door leading to the corridor. PEPPER estimated that approximately 100 persons were in the kitchen at this point. PEPPER passed through a group of individuals standing near the center of the kitchen and observed Senator KENNEDY lying on the floor with his head in a pool of blood. PEPPER observed Senator KENNEDY's lips moving but did not actually hear any words spoken. More people began rushing into the kitchen, and the area became quite noisy and congested.

At no time did PEPPER observe anyone in the corridor or kitchen area who resembled photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. Nor did PEPPER observe anyone who appeared as though he might have been responsible for the shooting.

PEPPER remained in the kitchen area for three or four minutes and then proceeded to a room at the hotel occupied by SUE HARRIS. HARRIS had earlier gone to her hotel room to pack for her travel to Chicago with the Senator KENNEDY campaign party. By the time PEPPER reached HARRIS' hotel room, HARRIS had already heard about the shooting on television. PEPPER remained in HARRIS' hotel room for between ten to fifteen minutes and then proceeded to the lobby where he observed the above described individual, he later identified as being identical to SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, being led from the lobby to the hotel entrance. PEPPER left the hotel at approximately 12:45 a.m., June 5, 1963.

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STEVEN MICHAEL PLEVIN, Apartment 1, 6510 Madrid Avenue, Isla Vista, California, home address 2762 Tucker Lane, Los Alamitos, California, student at University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB), advised that on Tuesday, June 4, 1968, he journeyed from Isla Vista to Los Angeles with several other students at the University of California, Santa Barbara who were members of the UCSB Students for Kennedy. They obtained a room on the third floor of the Ambassador Hotel in order to attend the KENNEDY victory rally and stay overnight.

Shortly after midnight on Wednesday, June 5, PLEVIN went from the UCSB room to the hallway outside the KENNEDY suite on the fifth floor. He saw Senator ROBERT KENNEDY emerge from his suite with his wife, greet his well-wishers in the hallway and then proceed toward the main ballroom. PLEVIN eventually made his way back to the UCSB room, but on his way he heard someone shout that KENNEDY had been shot. He returned to the UCSB room and watched the television coverage of the aftermath of the shooting.

He stated that he had not been on the first floor of the hotel during the pertinent period, had no firsthand information on the shooting, and had observed no suspicious activity in the vicinity before the shooting. He stated that the following persons in the UCSB delegation had been reported in the main ballroom at the time of the shooting, but had undoubtedly been interviewed before this time:

LINDA BOND, currently enrolled at UCSB and living in San Rafael Hall, UCSB.

VALERIE SCHULTE, UCSB, student now living at 6637 Del Playa, Isla Vista.

RICHARD FRICK, now attending University of Chicago Law School.

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Mr. BERT SPISZMAN, 5921 Simpson Avenue, North Hollywood, California, telephone number 877-8394, employed as a teacher of History and Science at the Thomas Starr King Junior High School, 4201 Fountain Avenue, Los Angeles, California, telephone number 664-1176, advised the following:

Mr. SPISZMAN said he had attended the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY campaign party at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, on the evening of June 4, 1968, and the morning of June 5, 1968. Following the conclusion of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's speech in the Embassy Room of this hotel at approximately 12:15 a.m., on June 5, 1968, Mr. SPISZMAN observed Senator KENNEDY and a group of persons following him leave the stage and move into a corridor leading towards the kitchen. Mr. SPISZMAN at the time was standing in a small anteroom at the rear of the stage and adjacent to the corridor. He at this point heard some noises which sounded to him as if they were exposed electrical circuits popping. His impression was that perhaps some of the television cables had broken. He then heard the considerable noise and confusion coming from the kitchen area and people began screaming, and he saw one woman coming back towards the Embassy Room area who had blood on her forehead. He began to learn from people around him that there had been some shooting, however, he did not observe the shooting and he at this point went back into the entrance of the Embassy Room where he attempted to quiet some of the people who were beginning to become hysterical. He never did go into the kitchen area and consequently did not see anything that occurred there. He said that he did not see SIRHAN SIRHAN or any of the victims of the shooting with the possible exception that the woman with the blood on her head could have been one of the victims of the shooting but he was not aware of her identity or if this was a fact.

Photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN and members of his family were exhibited to Mr. SPISZMAN who remarked that he had no recollection of seeing any of these persons in the photographs at any time.

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SAUNDRA TAYLOR, 1211 $\frac{1}{2}$ North Commonwealth, Los Angeles California, advised she is employed by the Pacific Telephone Company in Los Angeles as an operator and that during the California campaign of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY for President in the spring of 1968 in Los Angeles, she served as a "KENNEDY Girl".

She said that on the evening that Senator KENNEDY had been shot she had been at the Ambassador Hotel serving as a "KENNEDY Girl." She said she was on the opposite side of the room from the podium when KENNEDY entered the room and that she had left this position upon his entry and entered the lobby. While in the lobby, the shooting occurred and she stated the entire hotel was then thrown into utter pandemonium.

She said she could see nothing of the events taking place and heard nothing of any pertinence.

She stated that she had no further information relative to this matter.

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1Date 9/3/68

JAKE WALKER, 3725 Third Street, Los Angeles, California, advised that he had attended the Democratic Rally for Senator ROBERT KENNEDY, which was held at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968.

He stated he had left the Hotel approximately thirty minutes prior to the arrival of Senator KENNEDY from his hotel room, and therefore, was not present when the Senator was shot. He stated he learned of the shooting sometime later in the evening, but said he had no information concerning the events at the hotel.

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INTERVIEWS OF INDIVIDUALS
REGISTERED AS GUESTS AT AMBASSADOR
HOTEL DURING PERIOD JUNE 4-5, 1968

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Date 10/18/68

BRUCE A. AGNEW, Reporter, McGraw-Hill, Incorporated, Suite 400, National Press Building, Fourteenth and F Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C., telephone 737-6630, advised as follows:

AGNEW advised that he had been with Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY on May 29 through June 1, 1968, covering his California campaign. On June 1, 1968, he joined the McCARTHY campaign in San Francisco and on June 2, 1968, he went back to Los Angeles, California with McCARTHY. On June 3, 1968, he flew back to Washington, D. C., and did not return to California.

AGNEW advised that he was not a guest at the Ambassador Hotel after June 3, 1968, and could not furnish any information concerning the shooting of the late Senator KENNEDY. AGNEW advised that he had no information concerning any conspiracy in this matter and only knew what he had read in the newspaper and magazine articles. AGNEW advised that he did not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and to the best of his knowledge, he had never seen SIRHAN prior to observing his photograph through the news media.

AGNEW further advised that he had not traveled with Senator KENNEDY prior to the California campaign.

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Records of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, indicated that on June 4, 1968, Mr. C. ANDREW, Gilbert Hotel Reservations, 30 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, was a registered guest.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On October 3, 1968 Mrs. EMILIE GILBERT, Gilbert Hotel Reservations, 30 North LaSalle advised after checking her records, she could find no reference to a C. ANDREW. She advised her company makes reservations for individuals throughout the United States. She stated once the reservation has been made and the commission paid by the Hotel her record of the reservation is destroyed. She advised she handles hundreds of reservations each week and does not know C. ANDREW.

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Date 10/10/68

Mr. ARCHIE ANDREWS, Deputy Director, Bureau of International Commerce, U. S. Department of Commerce, advised that he and his wife checked out of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 2, 1968, and were not at the hotel when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was killed.

ANDREWS advised that both he and his wife observed SIRHAN SIRHAN's photograph in the newspaper at the time of the killing and neither of them recall ever seeing him.

Mr. ANDREWS advised that he and his wife could furnish no information that would be of assistance in this investigation.

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Date September 26, 1968

Mrs. RICHARD E. BACON, 2517 Boyd Street, Des Moines, Iowa, furnished the following information concerning Miss AASE G. JENSEN, a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968:

Miss JENSEN is a family friend whom the BACONS met during the summer of 1967 while Mr. BACON was working on a foreign assignment for the Ford Implement Company in Copenhagen, Denmark. While in Denmark, Mrs. BACON invited Miss JENSEN to visit them on a trip she was planning to the United States in 1968.

Miss AASE G. JENSEN arrived at the BACON residence in Des Moines, Iowa, during the early part of May, 1968. After remaining in Des Moines, Iowa, for a few weeks as a house guest of the BACONS, she desired to see the western part of the United States and made arrangements for this travel through a Greyhound Bus tour. Following this tour, she returned to Des Moines, Iowa, and during the latter part of July, 1968, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. BACON on a vacation trip to Maine.

Sometime around July 22, 1968, Miss AASE JENSEN departed the United States and returned to Denmark. Her current address is:

Miss AASE G. JENSEN
Valby Langgade 48² No. 8
Valby
Copenhagen, Denmark

Mrs. BACON said that Miss JENSEN is employed as a waitress at the Baltic Hotel in Copenhagen, Denmark, a job she has had for the past seven or eight years.

Mrs. BACON said that Miss JENSEN is a Danish citizen and speaks very little English. She said that when Miss JENSEN returned to Des Moines, Iowa, from Los Angeles, California, she said she was in her room at the Ambassador Hotel the night Senator KENNEDY was assassinated and had been upset by the noise, sirens and screaming that followed the shooting.

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Mrs. BACON said she was quite sure Miss JENSEN did not leave her room at the Ambassador Hotel following the shooting and from conversations she had with her following the shooting, is sure Miss JENSEN does not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN or possess any information concerning a possible conspiracy in connection with this shooting.

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Date 10/21/68

Mr. NORMAN N. BARNETT, 2687 Somerset Boulevard, Troy, Michigan, was interviewed at his place of employment, the Briggs Corporation, 6600 East 15 Mile Road, Warren, Michigan.

Mr. BARNETT advised that to the best of his recollection, from June 4 through June 7, 1968, he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, and resided in Room 355, where he conducted several interviews with customers for his company.

He advised that, to the best of his recollection, on June 4, 1968, he went to work at approximately 10:00 PM. He said he is not a Democrat and was not interested in the rally being held by Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY in the Embassy Ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel.

He advised at approximately 1:00 AM on June 5, 1968, to the best of his recollection, he was awakened from a very sound sleep by what appeared to him to be police car sirens.

Mr. BARNETT advised that he got out of bed and fully dressed himself and attempted to go downstairs where the commotion appeared to be taking place. He said he was prohibited from doing this by police officers, who had blocked off all elevators and stairwells. He said he lost interest in the matter when the police refused him to enter the downstairs area of the hotel and he returned to his room, number 355, and went back to sleep.

Mr. BARNETT said he did not learn about Senator KENNEDY being shot until approximately 7:00 AM, when he got out of bed and heard the broadcast over the radio.

Mr. BARNETT advised that he made arrangements with officers of the Los Angeles Police Department that were guarding the hotel to permit his customers, whom he does not recall, to enter the hotel and visit him in Room 355, where he conducted business with them. He said all of his guests were escorted from the lobby of the hotel up to his room by a Los Angeles Police Officer.

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On 10/18/68 at Warren, Michigan File # Detroit 62-4177

by SA HAROLD R. BRUNSON / MOS Date dictated 10/18/68

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Mr. BARNETT advised that he did not go into the area where the shooting took place until Friday, June 7, 1968, just before his departing Los Angeles. He said when he went into the ballroom where Senator KENNEDY was shot, he observed what appeared to him to be a high school senior class holding a prom.

Mr. BARNETT reiterated that he did not participate nor did he see any of the incidents surrounding the victory rally for the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He said he was unable to furnish the name of anyone that might be of assistance in this matter.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 2, 1968

Mr. JAMES BAUGHN, Itek Corporation, Page Mill Road, advised as follows:

On or about June 4, 1968, he made reservations at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, however, these reservations were for June 24 - 26, 1968. He was not in Los Angeles on June 4 or 5, 1968.

He has no information concerning any conspiracy in connection with the murder of Senator KENNEDY. He is not acquainted with SIRHAN.

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Date 10/15/681

JACK BELL, Reporter, Associated Press, Senate Press Gallery, United States Capitol Building, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

He stated he was a guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles County, California, but on June 4, 1968, flew back to Washington, D.C., because of a foot infection. Because he flew back to Washington he was not in Los Angeles on June 5, 1968, when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was assassinated. Mrs. BELL was not in Los Angeles at the time of KENNEDY's assassination because she accompanied BELL when he flew back to Washington.

He never saw SIRHAN B. SIRHAN prior to KENNEDY's assassination and could furnish no information concerning the possible conspiracy.

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On 10/11/68 at WASHINGTON, FIELD OFFICE File # WFO 173-135

by SA LEN S. BURTON
SA MICHAEL N. CODNER/lcw

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Date September 24, 1968

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Mr. LOUIS BELL, residence address 17129 Northeast Fifth Street, Bellevue, Washington, residence phone SH6-2472, was interviewed on the premises of the Olympic Hotel in Seattle.

Mr. BELL advised that he is a representative of the Bulova Watch Company and he had been in Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968, attending a sales representative meeting which was being held at the Ambassador Hotel. He said he was a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel that date and had attended sales meetings at the hotel not only on June 4, 1968, but also on the next day, June 5, 1968.

Mr. BELL advised that he and other Bulova Watch representatives were among the crowd in the Ambassador Hotel who were present during the time that Senator KENNEDY was speaking. He said that he and the rest of his crowd remained in the same room where they were standing when KENNEDY left the room and thereafter he heard a commotion coming from the direction that KENNEDY had left and subsequently he saw a woman being carried out through this same room in which he was standing, and then one other person came through this room who had been shot.

Mr. BELL advised that all this information subsequent to the instant that KENNEDY left the room came from watching television monitors in the room where the crowd was assembled and to the best of his knowledge he has never seen SIRHAN and has no information whatsoever concerning any possible conspiracy.

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On 9/24/68 at Seattle, Washington File # SE 89-62
by SA VERNON P. COYNE :asd Date dictated 9/24/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date October 29, 1968

CARMINE BELLINO, Certified Public Accountant, 9200 Burning Tree Road, Bethesda, Maryland, was interviewed and he furnished the following:

BELLINO was registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968. The reason he was there was because he was working on the presidential campaign of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY.

BELLINO spent part of the evening of June 4, 1968, in the main lobby of the Ambassador Hotel and he had anticipated that KENNEDY would make an appearance there. KENNEDY, however, never made an appearance there. After the shots were fired at KENNEDY due to the confusion BELLINO was not able to enter and he eventually went to his own room.

BELLINO recalled that two firemen appeared at the door of the above hotel at the main lobby and as there were too many people there the firemen thinned the crowd out by preventing people from entering and in some instances people that went out were not able to get back in. Later in the evening, however, before midnight, the firemen began letting everyone in and the place rapidly became very crowded. BELLINO thought this was very unusual but could not attach any particular significance to this or connect it with events at the hotel that night. He merely brought this out during the interview as it was the only unusual thing he could recall happening at the hotel, which he observed, prior to the assassination.

He had no information indicating a possible conspiracy in this matter, he did not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, and had no recollection of seeing him about the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4, 1968.

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On 10/17/68 at Bethesda, Maryland File # Baltimore 44-684

SA PAUL M. VAN DRIESSCHE:bs

10/23/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date October 17, 1968

Miss BETTY BESIG, Office Clerk, with residence in a second floor Apartment, 1607 Whitesboro Street, advised that she had been a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on the night of June 4 - 5, 1968, but has no pertinent personal information concerning the June 5, 1968, shooting of former Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY at that Hotel.

Miss BESIG stated she was at the above Hotel with a group of women who had traveled there from Chicago, Illinois, as part of a Greyhound tour. She stated that during the late evening of June 4, 1968, she and many other members of this group, including a woman believed to be Miss ALICE HOCH (PH) of Brayton Park, Utica, New York, were sitting in the main lobby of the Hotel. She continued that at that time there were a large number of individuals there, some well dressed and some poorly dressed, but all in varying stages of celebration.

Miss BESIG stated that at approximately 11:30 P. M. on that date she and Miss HOCH (PH) retired to their adjoining Hotel rooms which were believed to have been located on the first floor of the Ambassador Hotel. She stated that subsequently she had heard a good deal of noise in other parts of the Hotel but was completely unaware of the assassination and believed all of the noise was being created by the celebrants.

She continued that on the following morning she joined Miss HOCH (PH) at the latter's room and both went downstairs for breakfast. She continued that it was at that time that both she and Miss HOCH (PH) learned through Hotel employees that former Senator KENNEDY had been shot earlier at the Hotel. She stated that newspaper photographs of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN had failed to be familiar to her or to Miss HOCH (PH) and neither of them had believed that they had seen this individual before and neither appeared to have any additional pertinent information concerning this matter.

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On 10/8/68 at Utica, New York File # ALBANY 175-12
LOS ANGELES 56-15
by SA LEWIS J. KELLY/lal Date dictated 10/15/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 2, 1968

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Mr. HARRY E. BLALACK, 2894 Pierson Way, advised that he is a salesman for the Bulova Watch Company and was attending a convention of Bulova salesmen being held at the Ambassador Hotel as of the first week of June, 1968.

Mr. BLALACK stated that he was in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel at the time of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY's victory speech following the California presidential primary election held on June 4, 1968. He stated he was in the Embassy Room when word reached him that Senator KENNEDY had been shot and he estimated that this word reached him perhaps 20 seconds after the shooting occurred. He stated that he did not hear any shots fired however.

Mr. BLALACK stated that at no time did he see SIRHAN SIRHAN or anyone whom he suspected might be involved in the assassination of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. He stated he held the personal theory that SIRHAN must have had co-conspirators if a plot to assassinate Senator KENNEDY was to succeed because it would otherwise appear that SIRHAN could not have positioned himself in such a way as to cover the possible ways by which Senator KENNEDY could have departed from the scene of the Embassy Room. Mr. BLALACK added that he had no specific or concrete information upon which to base this theory.

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On 9/26/68 at Denver, Colorado File # Denver 62-2416

by SA JAMES J. O'CONNOR/11d Date dictated 9/30/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 30, 1968

G. G. (Jerry) BRABANT, Executive Vice President of the Nebar Supply Company, Incorporated, 430 Minor Avenue North, Seattle, Washington, was contacted at his place of business. Mr. BRABANT acknowledged that he had been a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968.

Mr. BRABANT said that he had arrived back at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, approximately twenty minutes before Senator KENNEDY finished giving his speech. BRABANT said that he went into the Palm Garden Cocktail Lounge and purchased a cocktail. He said that he sat there watching television and just before Senator Kennedy's speech ended a bartender came up and said he was closing the bar. BRABANT said thereafter he moved closer to a TV set and began finishing his drink. He said also immediately thereafter a man came to the bar and said KENNEDY had been shot. BRABANT thought this man had a distorted sense of humor until another man came in and spread the same word. BRABANT said he stayed around for approximately 15 more minutes before going to his room, and when he found he could not call his wife in Seattle from his room he went to the basement and used a public phone.

BRABANT said he has never seen SIRHAN and has no knowledge concerning any possible conspiracy.

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On 9/19/68 at Seattle, Washington File # SE 89-62

SA VERNON P. COYNE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 3, 1968

Miss ARLENE BRADY, 100 Highland Avenue, Rensselaer, New York, was interviewed at the Albany Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

She advised that on May 25, 1968, she and girlfriends TERRY HAKER and MARY SICILIANO departed Albany, New York, on a TWA Airplane and arrived in San Francisco, California, on the same day. She said she and her friends planned a vacation in the State of California. She stated after spending a few days in the San Francisco area, she and her friends traveled to Los Angeles, arriving there during the evening of May 29, 1968. She said the three of them stayed in Room 215 at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles.

She stated that on the evening of June 4, 1968, she and her girlfriends went to the lobby of this hotel between 9:30 and 10:00 PM, hoping to see Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY who was to make a speech in the hotel that evening. She said that until 12:10 AM, June 5, 1968, she and TERRY waited in the lobby and observed the crowd which was gathered there. She said that MARY remained until about 11:30 to 11:45 PM, June 4, 1968, and then went up to their hotel room. She stated at 12:10 AM, June 5, 1968, she and TERRY went downstairs after hearing from a member of the crowd that Senator KENNEDY planned to come down to the basement and give another speech. She said he had already given his main speech on the first floor of the hotel. She advised that five minutes after she and TERRY arrived in the basement she heard that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. She said that immediately after hearing this she and TERRY ran outside to the parking lot of the hotel in the vicinity of the Coconut Grove. She said she went back into the hotel alone to the first floor about 12:30 AM and headed to the stairs for the second floor. She said coming down these stairs as she started up was an individual later determined to be SIRHAN SIRHAN and several police officers guarded him.

Miss BRADY advised she was shocked when she heard the news Senator KENNEDY had been shot and said she had

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On 9/25/68 at Albany, New York File # AL 175-12

by SA EDWARD F. NASSIF /jmh Date dictated 10/2/68

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absolutely no information concerning a possible conspiracy to kill Senator KENNEDY and added that this was the first and only time she ever saw SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

October 2, 1968

Date _____

Mrs. DONALD C. BRAINARD, 220 Manchester Road, advised that her husband and herself were on vacation in June, 1968, and arrangements were made for travel and accommodations by the Syracuse Travel Agency. She advised that they checked in at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on June 4, 1968, having arrived that date from Las Vegas, Nevada. They were assigned a room on the fourth floor of the hotel and were in their room and heard the shots fired that killed Senator KENNEDY. They did not know what had happened until they heard about it on the news.

Mrs. BRAINARD said that neither she nor her husband have any information concerning a possible conspiracy in connection with the shooting, they do not know SIRHAN and to their recollection they did not see him the night of June 4, 1968.

Mrs. BRAINARD said her husband is a sales representative for Aristo International of Detroit, Michigan, and travels on business during the week. She said that they were together during the above period and she is certain he would be unable to add any further information.

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On 9/26/68 at Westvale, New York File # AL 175-12
SA JOHN L. KELLY/pak 9/30/68
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/28/68

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Miss TAMSEN BREDVOLD, Administrative Assistant, Institute of Urban Studies, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio, advised that she was staying at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, with her roommate, Miss ADRIENNE LEIB, during the time of Senator KENNEDY's assassination, and she related the following information regarding the incident which occurred the day before the assassination.

At approximately 1:00 a.m. on June 4, 1968, after she and her roommate had gone to bed, they received a telephone call. Miss BREDVOLD said she answered the phone and the man calling asked her if she were Miss LEIB. When she told the man that she was Miss LEIB's roommate, the caller indicated that either she or Miss LEIB would be all right. He then gave his name, which Miss BREDVOLD does not recall, but said it was a common name; he identified himself as being with the press or perhaps the KENNEDY press, she does not recall which. The man then asked if he could borrow a razor. When told that they did not have one, the man said someone in the news room told him that they would have one. The man then explained to Miss BREDVOLD that the KENNEDY party was coming in and he wanted to shave because he had been in trouble before for not being clean-shaven. Miss BREDVOLD then suggested to this man to call Room Service or a man. She said the conversation ended on a friendly note.

Miss BREDVOLD said the next morning Miss LEIB learned that this man had made a number of long distance calls, which he charged to the KENNEDY party, and had already left the hotel without paying his bill. Miss BREDVOLD said she did not feel then, nor does she feel now, that the above incident had any connection whatsoever with the KENNEDY assassination, and she regarded it as a practical joke or perhaps an attempt by this man to meet her and her roommate.

Miss BREDVOLD also related the details of another

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by SA WILLIAM C. BELLINGER/clo Date dictated 10/28/68

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She said that on Wednesday afternoon, June 5, 1968, after Senator KENNEDY had been shot, but before he died, a man, who gave his name as either GREEN or WHITE, and identified himself as a "producer" came up to her and asked if she could arrange for him to meet CHARLES EVERS of the National Association For the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). The man explained that he had seen Miss BREDVOLD and her girl friend sitting with EVERS the day before and he thought they must be "important people" who could arrange an interview with EVERS. This man then told Miss BREDVOLD that he felt that he had seen SIRHAN B. SIRHAN in the hotel the previous morning, Tuesday, June 4, 1968, talking to a group of Arabs who work in the hotel restaurant. He asked members of this group if they had talked with SIRHAN on Tuesday, and they said that they had. This man said that this group of Arabs consisted of four or five persons, who are very clannish. He said he tried to give this information to the police, but they did not "pay any attention" to him. He then explained that he wanted to meet CHARLES EVERS and tell him the story because he felt that EVERS would be able to get someone to listen to it.

Miss BREDVOLD said that she told this man that she would not arrange for him to meet EVERS, whom she hardly knew, because he had too much on his mind already. She then suggested that this man give whatever information he had to the police or to the FBI.

She stated that she did not see this man again and she described him as follows:

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Age	55 years
Sex	Male
Race	White
Hair	Silver
Height	5'6"
Characteristics	Well dress, "producer-type" No accent.

Miss BREDVOLD said she did not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and never saw anyone resembling him in the hotel. She also stated that she was not present when Senator KENNEDY was killed and could furnish no information in this regard.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 2, 1968

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Mrs. MEREDITH C. BROMFIELD, 4161 Shangri-La Drive, advised that she had been registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, during the first part of June, 1968, while her son was undergoing an operation at Los Angeles. She stated she was dissatisfied with her room at the Ambassador and for that reason, checked into another hotel at Los Angeles.

She stated she was not staying at the Ambassador Hotel on the night that Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was shot there, although she was still in Los Angeles at the time of that occurrence. She stated she did not observe anyone, during her stay at the Ambassador, whom she believed identical with SIRHAN SIRHAN, the accused assassin of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY, nor did she have any information which might relate to this assassination.

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On 9/26/68 at Denver, Colorado File # Denver 62-2416

by SA JAMES J. O'CONNOR/11d Date dictated 9/30/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 11, 19681

LEWIS FRANK BROWN, 400 Lakeside Drive, telephone 707-642-4086, was contacted at his residence, and he advised that he was not a guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4 or 5, 1968. BROWN advised that he was in Vallejo, California, on June 4 and 5, 1968.

BROWN advised that he was very active in the Kennedy Campaign, but did not go to Los Angeles in June, 1968. BROWN advised that he is a City Councilman and Vice-Mayor in Vallejo, and on the evening of June 4, 1968, he was in the Negro area of Vallejo, drumming out the Negroes to the polls for the state election.

BROWN advised if there was any question of doubt as to his being in Vallejo during June 4 and 5, 1968, he could supply the names of others who were working with him in Vallejo during the pertinent period.

BROWN advised that no one was sent to Los Angeles to represent him or the City of Vallejo in the Kennedy rally that evening. BROWN also advised he never gave anyone permission or authority to use his name for any purpose.

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On 10/2/68 at Vallejo, California File # LA 56-156
SC 62-67
by SA PETER J. KELLEHER:ela Date dictated 10/7/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/3/68

DAVID A. BUCK, Sales Manager, International Business Machines Corporation, Dayton, New Jersey, on September 23, 1968, furnished the following information:

He was a member of a group of IBM employees sent to Los Angeles, California, to observe the operation of IBM voting equipment then being utilized in Los Angeles County. He and other IBM employees had a suite at the Ambassador Hotel. Most of their work was conducted in the IBM building near the hotel. A computer which counted ballots was located in the IBM building.

BUCK said he entered the IBM building before 6 p.m. June 4, 1968, and remained there until about 9:30 a.m. June 5, 1968. BUCK said television sets within the IBM building enabled him and other employees to learn of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

Because of his long tour of duty at the IBM building, BUCK said he saw nothing nor heard anything which was in any way connected with the assassination.

After viewing a photo of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, BUCK said he did not recall seeing this person while at Los Angeles.

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On 9/23/68 at Dayton, N.J.
SA JOHN WALTER SADE/mbm

File # Newark 44-872
9/27/68

by _____ Date dictated _____

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date September 27, 1968

KATHLEEN BULLARD, 218 Shirley Drive, Florence, Alabama, advised that she and her sister, KATHRYNE GABLE, stayed at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, from Sunday, June 2, 1968, until about 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 1968. They left Los Angeles and stayed at the Sands Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, the night of June 4-5, 1968. They learned of the shooting of Senator Kennedy on the morning of June 5, 1968, at Las Vegas.

BULLARD stated she could not recall ever having seen SIRHAN B. SIRHAN in Los Angeles at any time and she could recall no incident or information which might relate to a possible conspiracy in connection with the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 9/24/68 at Florence, Alabama File # BH 44-1772
by SA IRVIN B. BRUNINGA:jam Date dictated 9/25/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/21/681

Mr. CHARLES BURKE, 269 Park Avenue, Newton, Massachusetts, advised that he and his wife were registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, for two weeks preceding the California primary election and departed Los Angeles on the afternoon of June 3, 1968.

The above person stated he was not present at the time of the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and did not recall ever having seen any individual who resembled the photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN.

On 10/17/68 at Newton, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-646

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by SA JAMES E. HARVEY/rem Date dictated 10/18/68

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On 10/17/68 at Newton, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-646

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 9/30/68

MARVIN BYRON, co-owner of Byron Bail Bond Agency, 954 North Vignes Avenue, advised he had been told that an Agent of the FBI had attempted to contact him through the main office of his agency, The California Association of Bail Agents, in Martinez, California. It was his understanding that he was being sought for an interview in connection with the assassination of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

Mr. BYRON explained that on the night of June 4-5, 1968, he was, in fact, at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. He stated that he was nowhere in the vicinity of the kitchen area in the hotel; did not see the late Senator KENNEDY that night, and could furnish no information which would be of assistance in this investigation.

On 9/23/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

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by SA R. J. LA JEUNESSE, Jr./eb Date dictated 9/24/68

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On 9/23/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/3/68

ANDREW V. CAHILL, 22 Philip Drive, Princeton, New Jersey, Director of Marketing, International Business Machines Corporation, Dayton, New Jersey, advised that he was a member of an IBM employees delegation on duty at Los Angeles, California, to check on the IBM equipment being used in the primary election at Los Angeles County. The computer which counted the ballots was located in the IBM building in Los Angeles near the Ambassador Hotel.

CAHILL said he was in and out of the IBM building during the evening. He was aware that Senator KENNEDY was to speak at the Ambassador Hotel and about midnight June 5, 1968, thought he would go to the hotel and listen. As he approached the hotel entrance he heard a commotion and heard comments from agitated persons in the area that Senator KENNEDY had been shot.

In view of the excitement, CAHILL did not enter the ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel but proceeded directly to the suite occupied by IBM employees.

CAHILL said at no time as he approached the Ambassador Hotel did he take note of any persons or activity which would lead him to believe these persons or incidents were in any way connected with the shooting. After viewing a photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, CAHILL said he did not recall seeing him at any time during his stay in Los Angeles.

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On 9/23/68 at Dayton, N.J. File # Newark 44-872

by SA JOHN W. SADE/mbmDate dictated 9/27/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/8/68

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FRANCES CALLAHAN, secretary, Bakery and Confectionery Workers International Union of America, 1000 16th Street, N.W., furnished the following information:

Miss CALLAHAN had checked into the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, about noon, June 4, 1968, and stayed at the Hotel two days. She and THELMA SCHAEFFER were taking an organized tour of the West Coast. She was in no way connected with the KENNEDY campaign and neither saw KENNEDY nor had any contact with KENNEDY workers at the Hotel.

Miss CALLAHAN thinks she stayed on the fourth floor of the Hotel. She spent little time at the Hotel the afternoon and evening of June 4, 1968. She returned to her room about 11 p.m., June 4, 1968, and went to sleep. She did not learn of the assassination until the following morning.

Miss CALLAHAN recalls seeing no one resembling the photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN at the Hotel.

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On 10/1/68 at Washington, D. C. File # WFO 173-135

by SA JOHN L. PATTERSON:mac Date dictated 10/7/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 10, 19681

EVERETT T. CALVERT, Chief Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, California State Department of Education, Sacramento, California, advised as follows:

He resides at 5406 Minx Way, Carmichael, California. He advised he was in the Venetian Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 5, 1968, where Dr. MAX RAFFERTY, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, California State Department of Education, and a candidate for Senator from the State of California, was addressing his campaign workers while awaiting the results of the primary election. At approximately 12:15 a.m., someone whom he cannot recall, rushed up to the podium where Doctor RAFFERTY was speaking and whispered into Dr. RAFFERTY's ear that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had just been shot. At this point, he, among others, formed a cordon around Dr. RAFFERTY and escorted him immediately to a room which he believes was on the fifth floor which a few deputy sheriffs were guarding. They remained there until approximately 2:30 a.m., at which time Dr. and Mrs. RAFFERTY and Mr. and Mrs. BERNARD JOSEPH FITZPATRICK were escorted by officers of the Los Angeles Police Department to an apartment approximately one and a half blocks from the Ambassador Hotel.

Mr. CALVERT stated that he and his wife came down from the RAFFERTY suite to the Venetian Room at approximately 11:45 p.m. He did not see SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN at any time and has no knowledge of the existence of any conspiracy. Mr. CALVERT stated that he understood that there were two persons who were asked to leave the Venetian Room, one a male in "hippy" garb who had a tamborine and wanted to accompany the orchestra. However, he has no information that these two persons were in any way connected with the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 9/30/68 at Sacramento, California File # SC 62-76

by SA NORMAN P. LeCLAIR /sy/nme Date dictated 10/4/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 10, 1968

Mrs. MARLENE CALVERT, 5460 Minx Way, Carmichael, advised as follows:

She accompanied her husband, Dr. EVERETT T. CALVERT who is a Chief Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, California State Department of Education in Sacramento, to the campaign headquarters maintained by Dr. MAX RAFFERTY at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. At 11:45 a.m., June 4, 1968, she and her husband accompanied Dr. MAX RAFFERTY who, at that time, was a candidate for U.S. Senator in the California primary, to the Venetian Room where Dr. RAFFERTY addressed his campaign workers. At approximately 12:15 a.m., June 5, 1968, she noted someone rush up to the podium and advise Dr. RAFFERTY that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot. She, her husband, and others formed a comdon around Dr. RAFFERTY and escorted him to a room, floor unrecalled, via the stairs, where they remained until Dr. RAFFERTY was escorted out of the hotel by the Los Angeles Police Department at approximately 2:30 a.m.

Mrs. CALVERT advised she did not see SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN prior to the shooting and has no information concerning any possible conspiracy. She does know that two individuals were asked to leave the Venetian Room as they were not part of Dr. RAFFERTY's workers, but has no information which could possibly link these two individuals to the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

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On 10/2/68 at Carmichael, California File # SC 62-76by SA NORMAN P. LE CLAIR/sy Date dictated 10/4/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 10/3/68

KEITH H. CARLTON, 335 East High Street, Painted Post, New York, an employee of Corning Glass Works, Corning, New York, was interviewed at his place of employment located at Sullivan Park, Erwin, New York.

Mr. CARLTON advised that he and his wife, KATHERINE, had taken a trip to the West Coast and arrangements for this trip had been made through the American Express Company, Corning, New York. CARLTON advised that the American Express Company had arranged for he and his wife to stay at the Ambassador Hotel while in Los Angeles, California, and they arrived at this hotel the Monday night preceding the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. CARLTON advised that he and his wife stayed in a room on the second floor of this hotel on their first night there, but because they felt this was not satisfactory, they moved the next day to the bungalow area and for the following six days they stayed in a bungalow. CARLTON advised he cannot now recall room numbers.

Mr. CARLTON advised that on arrival at the Ambassador Hotel they were surprised to find large crowds there and learned that this was due to the fact that Senator KENNEDY was using this hotel as his headquarters. On learning that KENNEDY was to make a victory speech at this hotel on the Tuesday-Wednesday night of June 4, 1968, CARLTON advised that he and his wife waited in the hotel lobby for several hours but since it was not known when KENNEDY would arrive, they retired to their bungalow. Sometime after arriving in their bungalow CARLTON switched on the television set in order to listen to KENNEDY's victory speech and on doing so, he heard on the television that KENNEDY had just been shot in the hotel.

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On 9/25/68 at Erwin, New York File # Buffalo 175-20

by SA RICHARD W. RUDY;cap Date dictated 9/27/68

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CARLTON advised that he and his wife were alone at this hotel and during the time they stayed there, they did not hear or learn anything that might have a bearing on the assassination of Senator KENNEDY and can offer no information in this regard.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 26, 1968

MAURO CHAVEZ, Manager, Rosarito Beach Hotel, Rosarito Beach, Baja California, stated that he was not at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, on June 4 or June 5, 1968. He stated it was his recollection he had already been in Mexico for several days when he saw on the television screen a flash of the person who had allegedly shot Senator KENNEDY. Shortly thereafter, the individual was identified.

Mr. CHAVEZ produced from his records a bill sent to him from the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, reflecting that he had been at the Ambassador from May 29 and had departed on June 1.

Mr. CHAVEZ stated that to the best of his knowledge he had not seen SIRHAN B. SIRHAN at the Ambassador Hotel during CHAVEZ's stay.

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On 9/26/68 at Rosarito Beach, Baja California, Mexico File # SD 44-394
by SA LOUIS A. MUNOZ/lsc *Lsc* Date dictated 9/25/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/27/68

Mrs. R. H. (FRANCES M.) CLARK, 1890 Broadway, Apartment 606, furnished the following information:

Mrs. CLARK stayed at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles from Friday, May 31, 1968, until June 8, 1968, when she returned to San Francisco. It is her custom to go to Los Angeles with her husband whenever he goes fishing in Mexico, and always stays at the Ambassador Hotel until his return from Mexico.

Mrs. CLARK was in her room at the hotel practically all of the time she was in Los Angeles. She was definitely in her room during the entire evening of June 4, 1968, and was watching the primary election returns on the television. It was while she was watching the television, that she learned the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot at the Ambassador Hotel.

SIRHAN B. SIRHAN is not known to Mrs. CLARK. She does not recall seeing anyone around the hotel answering to his description and she has no reason to believe that any conspiracy was involved in the assassination of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 9/23/68 at San Francisco, California File # 62-5481

by SA ROBERT B. HERRINGTON/sag Date dictated 9/23/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/13/681

Mr. FLOYD COVERT, 5902 Graceland Avenue, Peoria, Illinois, furnished the following information:

During June 1968, he joined a Berry Tour Group from Chicago, Illinois and traveled with this group to Los Angeles, California. He and his wife checked in at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles for a scheduled two-night stay. However, they were quartered in the Ambassador Cottage rather than in the main hotel.

On the evening of June 4, 1968, they retired at approximately 10:00 p.m. and were oblivious to what subsequently happened at the hotel. Their daughter, who lives in Davenport, Iowa, telephonically contacted them on the morning following Senator KENNEDY's assassination and initially informed them of his death. Prior to this call, they were unaware of the events that occurred at the Ambassador Hotel or that Senator KENNEDY had been killed.

He could not identify a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN and does not remember seeing anyone around the hotel premises resembling SIRHAN.

During his brief stay, the only national figure that he remembered seeing in the Ambassador lobby soon after they had checked in was football star ROOSEVELT GRIER.

On 11/12/68 at Peoria, Illinois File # SI 44-568

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by SA ELIAS WILLIAMS/mab Date dictated 11/13/68

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Date

JOHN C. CRANOS, 212 North Vignes, advised that he is employed as Manager, System Development for Agency and Distributive Sales, General Electric Company, Schenectady, New York, and in this capacity does a great deal of traveling throughout the country. He said that he attended a General Electric meeting of both local and out of town sales people in the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, on June 4, 1968.

CRANOS stated that he was in the lower ballroom at the time Senator KENNEDY was shot. He said he did not witness the shooting and had never seen SIRHAN before. CRANOS said he did not see SIRHAN in or around the hotel during the entire evening of June 4, 1968. He further advised that he had no information whatsoever concerning any possible conspiracy.

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On 9/23/68 at Schenectady, N.Y. File # Albany 175-12
by SA JOSEPH E. RILEY ad 9/23/68
Date dictated

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date October 22, 1968

Miss JANE CRAUCH, 156 Fermo, stated that from June 4-6, 1968, she and Miss ROSEMARY MURPHY were registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. She said on the morning of June 5, 1968, when she awoke she heard that the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot. Miss CRAUCH stated she never saw any person named SIRHAN, does not know this individual and was unable to furnish any information concerning possible conspiracy.

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On 10/21/68 at St. Louis, Missouri File # SL 44-782
by SA EDWARD M. MORELAND/lep Date dictated 10/21/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/23/68

Miss ROSE CROWLEY, 579 Leonard Street, Brooklyn, New York, was contacted and advised that she was a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4 - 5, 1968. On the evening of June 4, 1968, she had left the hotel and had been dining out, and upon her return to the hotel, which was in the early morning of June 5, 1968, she returned to her hotel room and turned on her television set. She stated that a news bulletin was flashed over the television screen stating that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot.

She stated that she could not furnish any information of value in connection with the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 10/22/68 at Brooklyn, New York File # NY 44-1640
by SA PAUL M. CONRAD/cas Date dictated 10/22/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/7/68

Mrs. ELLA CUMMINGS, 3010 Joshua Road, furnished the following information:

She and her husband, STEWART, checked into the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, at about 11:15 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 1968. They were returning from a vacation trip to Hawaii as part of a Talmadge Tour. When they arrived at the hotel they learned that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was at the hotel, but they did not see him. They went directly to their room, number 223, and remained there the rest of the night. Early the next morning two friends, who were with them on the tour, Mr. and Mrs. RONALD MC CLELLAN from Troy, Michigan, told them that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. They spent the next two days sightseeing with the tour and left Los Angeles to return to Philadelphia on Friday, June 7, 1968.

The shooting of Senator KENNEDY was the subject of almost constant discussion, however, she heard nothing which would indicate a possible conspiracy in connection with the shooting.

After viewing a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, Los Angeles number BK 495139, she stated she does not know him and cannot recall ever seeing him.

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On 10/3/68 at Lafayette Hill, Pa. File # Philadelphia 62-4929

by SA DARWIN B. BARE /ceh Date dictated 10/7/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/7/68

STEWART E. CUMMINGS, 3010 Joshua Road, furnished the following information:

He and his wife, ELLA, checked into the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California at about 11:15 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 1968. They were returning from a vacation trip to Hawaii as part of a Talmadge Tour. When they arrived at the hotel they learned that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was at the hotel, but they did not see him. They went directly to their room, which was number 223, and remained there the rest of the night. Early the next morning two friends, who were with them on the tour, Mr. and Mrs. RONALD MC CLELLAN from Troy, Michigan, told them that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. They spent the next two days sightseeing with the tour and left Los Angeles to return to Philadelphia on Friday, June 7, 1968.

The shooting of Senator KENNEDY was the subject of almost constant discussion, however, he heard nothing which would indicate a possible conspiracy in connection with the shooting.

He examined a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, Los Angeles number BK 495139, and stated he does not know this individual and does not recall seeing him anywhere at anytime.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 2, 1968

Mr. WILLIAM M. DAVIS, JR., 916 Constitution Drive, advised he is employed in the Air Freight Department, Western Airlines, San Francisco. He stated as follows:

He was not registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, on June 4, 1968. He flew to that city on June 5, 1968, checking in at the Ambassador Hotel during the afternoon. He was there to attend a Seminar.

He has no information concerning any conspiracy in connection with the murder of Senator KENNEDY. He is not acquainted with SIRHAN.

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On 9/30/68 at San Mateo, California File # SF 62-5481

by SA GEORGE HARTLEY/ j1 Date dictated 10/1/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/2/68

Mr. J. EDWARD DAY, Attorney, 1625 I Street, N.W., advised that he was formerly the Postmaster General and that he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, on May 29, 1968, and departed from the hotel and the city of Los Angeles on May 30, 1968, at which time he returned to his home in Springfield, Illinois.

Mr. DAY said that he was at the Ambassador Hotel at the expense of the Kennedy Campaign and was primarily there for a press conference with Senator TYDINGS of Maryland and Mrs. MARIETTA TREE, a former member of the Delegation to the United Nations and a staunch supporter of the Democratic Party.

Mr. DAY stated that the hotel records may have still had him listed as being registered there on June 4, 1968, because the room was probably listed in his name, but he, as he stated above, had left the State of California on May 30, 1968. He said that while in Los Angeles, he heard or knew nothing of anyone by the name of SIRHAN and could furnish no information regarding any events which took place leading up to the assassination of Senator KENNEDY.

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On _____ at _____ File# _____

SA SIDNEY H. ROCHE:bfm

10/2/68

by _____ Date dictated _____

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 24, 1968

THOMAS J. DE DEO, III, American Jewelers, Incorporated, 50 Columbia Street, Newark, New Jersey, advised that he was in Los Angeles on a business trip and staying at the Ambassador Hotel from June 2 until June 11, 1968.

He stated that he was in his room watching the events taking place in the Embassy Ballroom on television when it was announced that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot. He left the hotel and went outside where he observed, from a distance, Senator KENNEDY being removed through a service entrance and placed in an ambulance. He then observed the suspect, surrounded by police, being removed from the hotel through the main entrance and placed in a police car.

DE DEO advised that he had no further information regarding the incident.

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On 9/23/68 at Newark, New Jersey File # Newark 44-872
by SA HOWARD H. RICE jg Date dictated 9/24/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/10/68

ADELBERT DE SEGONZAC, Correspondent for "France-Soir," residing 4100 Loughboro Road, Washington, D. C., furnished the following information:

He arrived in Los Angeles from Washington, D. C., approximately twelve hours after Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was shot on June 5, 1968. He could furnish no pertinent information concerning this investigation.

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On 10/7/68 at Washington, D. C. File # WFO 173-135

by SA JAMES W. NORMENT, JR.:crb Date dictated 10/9/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/4/68

Mr. ROBERT J. DONOVAN, a reporter with the "Los Angeles Times", Room 730, 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., advised that he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, about May 27, 1968, and was there to cover the California primary and to report on related political stories.

Mr. DONOVAN said that he received word of the assassination of Senator KENNEDY while he was in the editorial office of the Times Building located on the third floor across the street from City Hall.

Mr. DONOVAN said that he did not ever recall hearing the name SIRHAN and never heard anyone speak of a possible conspiracy in connection with the shooting of Senator KENNEDY. He said that he departed the hotel shortly after the killing and could furnish no information whatsoever regarding the events leading up to the assassination.

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On 10/2/68 at Washington, D.C. File # WFO 173-135

by SA SIDNEY H. ROCHE:acd Date dictated 10/2/68
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 10, 1968

Mr. RICHARD BRUCE DOUGHTY, 2604 Bridgeport Way,
Sacramento, California, furnished the following information:

He is employed by KCRA Television Station,
Sacramento, California, and was in Los Angeles, California,
at the campaign headquarters of Senator EUGENE MC CARTHY.
He did not return to the Ambassador Hotel until approximately
the time that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot. He came in
the front entrance of the Hotel Ambassador and noted nothing
out of the ordinary. It was as he entered, however, that
he heard that the senator had just been shot. He had not
heard of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN prior to the shooting of
Senator KENNEDY and has no knowledge of a conspiracy in the
shooting.

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On 10/3/68 at Sacramento, California File # SC 62-76

by SA NORMAN P. LE CLAIR/sy Date dictated 10/7/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/15/68

JAMES J. DUNN, Forbes Magazine, 60 5th Avenue, advised that on the night of June 4, 1968, he registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, and had dinner and immediately went to his room which was located in a set of cottages behind the main hotel. He did not know that Senator KENNEDY had been assassinated until the next morning and did not have any information as to the conspiracy concerning the assassination of Senator KENNEDY.

He stated that RICHARD BROWN was his projectionist for a display he was putting on for his company. He believed BROWN can be located through GENE LIGHT of Life Magazine telephone number 556-2414.

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On 10/11/68 at New York, New York File # NY 44-1640

by SA VINCENT P. DOHERTY/pr Date dictated 10/14/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/15/68

Walter Durham, Wain, Shiell and Sons, Incorporated, 666 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, advised that on June 4, 1968, he was not at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. He said he returned to New York City approximately two days prior to the murder of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He said he recalled listening to the news broadcast on the radio concerning the shooting and that he was in New York City at the time.

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On 11/6/68 at New York, New York File # NY 44-1640
by SA WILLIAM J. ROEMER/wjn Date dictated 11/12/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/3/681

Mr. JAMES S. EASTHAM, 16 Alden Road, Andover, Massachusetts, provided the following information:

He and his wife were guests at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, until shortly after breakfast on June 5, 1968, when they left by train for San Francisco to get the President Line Ship, Cleveland, for a trip to Japan. Neither of them were aware that ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot until they arrived in San Francisco and had a hard time obtaining a paper.

He has absolutely no information concerning the shooting of KENNEDY; he is in possession of no information concerning a possible conspiracy; they do not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, and he did not see KENNEDY or SIRHAN at the hotel.

On 9/26/68 at Andover, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-646

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by SA CARL J. EVENSEN/mrd Date dictated 9/26/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/3/681

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On 9/26/68 at Andover, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-646

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by SA CARL J. EVENSEN/mrd Date dictated 9/26/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/17/681.

Mr. PETER W. ECCLES, telephone number 676-8000, 47 Burnside Drive, New York, New York, advised telephonically that he was in Los Angeles on June 6, 1968 and on June 5, 1968 at the time Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was assassinated. Mr. ECCLES stated that he was working on the campaign of ROBERT F. KENNEDY but that he could furnish no information concerning any unusual persons he saw at the period prior to the assassination of Senator KENNEDY and he was unable to furnish any information regarding SIRHAN SIRHAN.

On 10/15/68 at New York, New York File # NY 44-1640

by SA HERBERT W. KILGORE/axb Date dictated 10/16/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/4/68

RICHARD ELFENBEIN, 355 Webster Drive, New Milford, New Jersey, on September 25, 1968, advised he is the Administrator, Information Programs, International Business Machines Corporation (IBM), Dayton, New Jersey. He was at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, with other IBM employees to observe IBM election equipment functioning during the Los Angeles County primary elections. He left the Ambassador Hotel about 4 p.m. June 4, 1968, and was at the IBM building located nearby until about 8:30 a.m. June 5, 1968.

At no time during his stay at the Ambassador Hotel did he observe any suspicious activities which he believed were connected with the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

ELFENBEIN could not recall seeing any person resembling the photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN in the vicinity of the Ambassador Hotel at any time.

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On 9/25/68 at Dayton, N.J.
by SA JOHN WALTER SADE/nbm

File # Newark 44-872
10/1/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/22/68

ROY C. ELIFF, Box 3348, Houston, Texas, advised that he is employed at the Falcon Seaboard Drilling Company, 3701 Allen Parkway, Houston, Texas.

ELIFF advised that he and his family flew to Los Angeles, California from Houston, Texas on June 2, 1968. He advised that MIKE MC CALEB also of Houston, Texas was on the same flight. ELIFF said he checked into the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles with his family and subsequently checked out of that hotel the day before Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot at the Ambassador Hotel. He and his family checked into the Cavalier Hotel on Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. ELIFF advised that he was not at the Ambassador Hotel when Senator KENNEDY was shot and that he knows absolutely nothing about the matter except what he later learned from newspapers and television.

10/16/68Houston, Texas150HO 175-12

On _____ at _____ File # _____

SA F. WILLIAM WHATLEY, JR./sjm10/18/68

by _____ Date dictated _____

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 2, 1968

Mr. H. F. ESTABROOK, Assistant Administrator,
Mills Memorial Hospital, 100 South San Mateo Drive,
advised as follows:

On June 4, 1968, he was registered at the
Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, but he checked out that
afternoon, and took a 6:30 p.m. plane to San Francisco.

While at the hotel he did not go to the KENNEDY
headquarters nor did he see anyone around the hotel
resembling SIRHAN. He knows nothing concerning any
conspiracy in connection with the assassination of Senator
KENNEDY.

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On 9/30/68 at San Mateo, California File # SF 62-5481

by SA GEORGE HARTLEY/ j1 Date dictated 10/1/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 19, 19681

JOHN FARMER, Managing Editor, "Newark News", Washington, D. C., Bureau, who resides at 3162 Musket Court, Fairfax, Virginia, telephonically advised as follows:

He stated that he was a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 5, 1968, and had registered at that hotel approximately three days previous. He advised that he was covering the Presidential Campaign of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY for his newspaper, "Newark News".

FARMER said that he was in the Embassy Ballroom at the time that Senator KENNEDY was shot and killed. He stated that he did not hear the shots nor did he see the alleged assassin, SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, at the time of the shooting; however, he did observe SIRHAN being escorted from the room by the police and security guards.

FARMER further advised that he had no information concerning SIRHAN's possible involvement in a conspiracy nor did he observe SIRHAN at the hotel prior to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 11/6/68 at Alexandria, Virginia File # Richmond 62-2248
Los Angeles 56-156
by SA RICHARD D. BATISTE, JR.:sw Date dictated 11/12/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 7, 1968

SUSAN FARMER, 1103 4th Street Southeast, Room 4, advised that she formerly resided at 1912 22nd Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and was a roommate of NANCY A. WIEBOLD. Miss FARMER stated that she, too, is a student at the University of Minnesota, and she, too, dropped out of school during the spring quarter in order to work on the campaign of Senator EUGENE MC CARTHY. Miss FARMER stated that when ROBERT F. KENNEDY announced his candidacy, she and her roommate left the MC CARTHY group and went to work for Senator KENNEDY.

Miss FARMER stated that she was in Los Angeles approximately two weeks prior to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY working as a stenographer for the KENNEDY force. Miss FARMER stated that at the time of the shooting she was outside the hotel with NANCY A. WIEBOLD helping to organize a motorcade. She stated that she did not hear the shots and did not know there had been a shooting until she saw a man helping another man get in a car. At this point she heard someone say: hurry get him to the hospital; he has been shot. Miss FARMER stated that they did not know that Senator KENNEDY had been shot until sometime later. She stated that the only time she ever saw SIRHAN B. SIRHAN was when she saw the police taking him out of the hotel. Miss FARMER stated that she does not recall ever seeing SIRHAN B. SIRHAN around the Ambassador Hotel and definitely does not recall ever seeing SIRHAN B. SIRHAN with anyone except the police.

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On 9/25/68 at Minneapolis, Minnesota File # MP 56-61

by SA CARL S. LESTOR:lkp Date dictated 10/1/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

10/10/68

Date

Mrs. EMMA FAUST, 7670 N.W. 11th Court, West Hollywood, Florida, advised that she and a traveling companion Mrs. ETHEL GILBERT of Coral Gables, Florida, traveled via Greyhound Tours, Chicago, to Los Angeles, California, and were registered guests at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, on June 4, 1968. Their room was located in the guest rooms on the periphery of the Ambassador Hotel.

She and Mrs. GILBERT spent the evening in the lobby of the hotel, but because of the bedlam and very noticeable heavy drinking by the younger people in the lobby, they decided to leave at about 11:00 PM and went directly to their room.

At about 12:15 to 12:30 AM they heard a radio report of the shooting of the late Senator KENNEDY; this was their first knowledge of the incident. She stated that she has no knowledge of a possible conspiracy involving SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, does not know SIRHAN, and did not see him about the hotel in the evening of June 4, 1968. She further advised that she naturally discussed the situation at length with Mrs. GILBERT who also has no knowledge of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN.

She advised the above is the extent of her personal involvement in the situation and she can offer absolutely no information of interest in this matter.

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On 10/4/68 at West Hollywood, Florida File # Miami 44-1880

by SA DENNIS J. O'SHEA/kmm Date dictated 10/10/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/7/68

Mr. CLIFFORD FELLOWS, 9062 Hillcrest, Livonia, Michigan, advised that he is employed by the Ford Motor Company in Livonia, Michigan.

Mr. FELLOWS stated that he was a guest in the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968. He stated he was in Los Angeles on business and was a guest at the Ambassador Hotel for just one night and was not in the hotel at the time of the shooting. He stated he was in possession of no information concerning a possible conspiracy and is not acquainted with SIRHAN B. SIRHAN.

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On 11/5/68 at Detroit, Michigan File # Detroit 56-149

by SA ROBERT M. SMITH/lmo Date dictated 11/7/68

Date 9/25/68

Miss BRENDA FIHALEY, Clerk, Credit Bureau of Greater Kansas City, 1110 Grand, Kansas City, Missouri, furnished credit records concerning EDWARD A. THOMSON, 6931 West 87th Street, Apartment 2507E, Overland Park, Kansas. The credit records contain a newspaper clipping from the Kansas City Star, on July 24, 1968, showing that EDWARD A. THOMSON, age 73, Administrator of Wesleyan Hospital, died yesterday, apparently of a heart attack, at the Blue Cross - Blue Shield Building, 3637 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri. The record shows he was Administrator of the hospital for three years and previously resided in St. Joseph, Missouri, for five years. THOMSON was past president of the American Hospital Association, and was past Lieutenant Governor of the 9th District of Kiwanis International, and secretary of the Overland Park Kiwanis Club, and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

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On 9/20/68 at Kansas City, Missouri File # KC 62-8651
LA 56-156
by SA RAY HOMESLEY (lib) Date dictated 9/23/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 10, 1968

Mr. BERNARD JOSEPH FITZPATRICK, 4345 Rio Tinto Avenue, Sacramento, California, advised the following:

He is Special Assistant to the State Superintendent of Schools, Sacramento, California, and active in the U. S. Senatorial campaign for Dr. MAX RAFFERTY.

On June 4, 1968, he and his wife were registered guests at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. At approximately 11:45 he and his wife accompanied Dr. RAFFERTY and his wife to the Venetian Room of the hotel where Dr. RAFFERTY addressed his campaign workers. At approximately 12:15 a.m., June 5, 1968, a member of Dr. RAFFERTY's Executive Committee rushed up to the stage where Dr. RAFFERTY was speaking and advised that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had just been shot. A cordon of people immediately formed around Dr. RAFFERTY and escorted him, via the stairs, to a room on one of the floors above. He did not recall which room it was. They remained in this room until about 2:30 or 2:45 a.m., at which time he and Dr. RAFFERTY, along with their wives were escorted by officers of the Los Angeles Police Department to a two bedroom apartment located approximately one and one-half blocks from the Ambassador Hotel. They remained there until 7:00 or 7:30 a.m., June 5, 1968, at which time they returned to Sacramento.

At no time during the evening of June 4, 1968 did he see SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. He had never heard of SIRHAN prior to the shooting and has no knowledge of the existence of a conspiracy in the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

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On 9/30/68 at Sacramento, California File # SC 62-76

by SA NORMAN P. LE CLAIR/sy Date dictated 10/4/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/17/68

Mr. DAVID FOX, 620 West 239th Street was contacted and advised that he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California on June 4-5, 1968. He stated that he is employed for the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), and at the time Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot, FOX was in the Embassy Ballroom but he could not furnish any information concerning a possible conspiracy in connection with this matter.

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On 10/15/68 at Bronx, New York File# NY 44-1640

by SA PAUL M. CONRAD/fa Date dictated 10/16/68

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Date 10/2/68

Mr. HARRY FRISCH, 1331 Millbrook Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah, telephone number 295-0894, was contacted at his home.

Mr. FRISCH stated that on June 4, 1968, he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. He stated he is a traveling salesman and was in Los Angeles on that occasion on business matters.

Mr. FRISCH said that on June 4, 1968, he left the Ambassador Hotel before 6:00 p.m. in order to have dinner at the home of some relatives in the Los Angeles area. He said he returned to the hotel at approximately midnight on that date and went immediately to his hotel room. Prior to retiring for the night, he was watching television in his hotel room and learned at that time of the killing of Senator KENNEDY in the hotel.

Mr. FRISCH said he cannot recall having seen SIRHAN B. SIRHAN in the area of the hotel and can furnish no information at all relating to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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Salt Lake City
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On 9/27/68 at Salt Lake City, Utah File # _____
by SA WILLIAM J. GEIERMANN/mhe Date dictated 9/30/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 26, 1968

KATHRYNE GABLE, 209 Shirley Drive, Florence, Alabama, advised that she and her sister, KATHLEEN BULLARD, checked into the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on Sunday, June 2, 1968, and checked out of that hotel about mid-afternoon on June 4, 1968. They went to Las Vegas, Nevada, where they stayed at the Sands Hotel and the next morning they learned of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

GABLE stated she could not recall having seen SIRHAN B. SIRHAN in Los Angeles at any time and she knew of nothing which might relate to a possible conspiracy.

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On 9/24/68 at Florence, Alabama File # BH 44-1772
by SA ERVIN B. BRUNINGA:jam Date dictated 9/25/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/21/681

LEO GALE, Salesman, Bulova Watch Company, Inc., New York, New York, advised that he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968, however, he remained in his room on the night that Senator KENNEDY was killed and he could offer no information concerning the shooting or concerning SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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On 10/18/68 at New York, New York File # NY 44-1640by SA JOSEPH P. MAYER/tp Date dictated 10/21/68

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Date 9/27/681

Mr. DONALD J. GEARY, Teacher, Harrington Junior High School, Church Street, who resides at 30 North Main Parkway, Leominster, Massachusetts, furnished the following information:

He, his wife, and a personal friend, Doctor JAMES V. MC HUGH, also of Leominster, arrived at and registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on the morning of June 5, 1968, and this was subsequent to the murder of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

Therefore, neither he nor his wife possess any information concerning the murder.

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On 9/26/68 at Leominster, Massachusetts File # BOSTON 44-646

by SA GEORGE S. WALLACE /car Date dictated 9/26/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/29/68

WILLIAM A. GEOGHEGAN, 9612 Accord Drive, Potomac, Maryland, and attorney in the firm of PIERSON, BALL and DOWD, Ring Building, Washington, D.C., was interviewed and furnished the following information:

He was a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, on the morning of June 4, 1968. Mr. GEOGHEGAN had been in Los Angeles with the Senator ROBERT KENNEDY campaign staff but checked out of the Ambassador Hotel by 8 AM, June 4, 1968. He did spend the night of the third at the hotel. His work on the primary campaign was over therefore he left early.

Mr. GEOGHEGAN observed nothing which could have a bearing on the assassination of Senator KENNEDY. He had no information concerning a possible conspiracy in the matter, he did not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, nor did he have any recollection of seeing SIRHAN around the hotel on the night of June 3, 1968, or at any other time while he was at the hotel.

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On 10/18/68 at Potomac, Md. File # BA 44-684

by SA PAUL M. VAN DRIESSCHE:mk Date dictated 10/23/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 10, 19681

JOHN GERVAIS, Lincoln Apartments, Lincoln Street, Ashland, Oregon, advised that he traveled with the ROBERT KENNEDY campaign group for several days prior to the California primary. He said that he was with DEAN TODARO, and that both he and TODARO were students at Southern Oregon College, Ashland, Oregon. Early June was the time for final examinations at Southern Oregon College and GERVAIS and TODARO had missed some finals and had lost valuable study time during the campaign. For these reasons they left Los Angeles at approximately 2:00 a.m. the morning of June 4, 1968, and returned to Ashland, Oregon.

The reason that GERVAIS was registered at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968, is that a member of the Kennedy party registered for the group and possibly was not aware that GERVAIS and TODARO had left.

GERVAIS said that he observed nothing that he would consider pertinent to this matter. That is he did not see anyone who appeared similar to SIRHAN during the time he was with the Kennedy group.

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On 10/7/68 at Ashland, Oregon File # PD 62-2864

by SA WILLIAM H. GRAY:day Date dictated 10/3/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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ETHEL GILBERT, 5859 SW 42nd Terrace, Miami, Florida, telephone 667-6900, was interviewed at her residence.

GILBERT advised that she and a friend, EMMA FAUST, of Hollywood, Florida, took a Greyhound Bus tour to California in May and June, 1968. GILBERT advised further that she and FAUST were staying at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, on the night Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot. GILBERT was actually staying in a cottage outside the hotel. She left the lobby of the hotel at approximately 10:30 PM and was not aware that anything unusual had occurred until the early morning hours when she heard sirens.

GILBERT knows nothing of any possible conspiracy, does not know SIRHAN SIRHAN, and does not recall seeing him at the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4, 1968. All GILBERT can recall is seeing a man she assumed to be connected with the politicians who was extremely intoxicated and had to be helped from the hotel lobby.

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On 9/25/68 at Miami, Florida File # Miami 44-1880
by SA DAVID N. JELLISON: jgm Date dictated 9/30/68

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Date 10/21/681

JOSEPH GINISE, Radio Engineer, WCR, New York, New York, advised that he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968. He stated that he had set up his radio equipment in the ballroom on the afternoon of June 4, 1968 and then proceeded to the Elcomore Hotel where he set up his equipment and assisted Announcer LESTER SMITH during the evening hours. He stated he could offer no information concerning the shooting of Senator KENNEDY or any information concerning JEREMY SIRHAN.

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On 10/18/68 at New York, New York File # NY 44-1640by SA JOSEPH P. MAYER/tp Date dictated 10/21/68

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10/4/68

Date _____

RICHARD J. GOETHALS, 174 Meadowbrook Drive, Princeton, New Jersey, advised that he is employed as Manager of Information, International Business Machines Corporation, Dayton, New Jersey, and was in Los Angeles to observe IBM voting equipment in operation.

He left the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 4 p.m. June 4, 1968, and returned about 9 a.m. on June 5, 1968, having spent the intervening period at the IBM building.

He learned of Senator KENNEDY's shooting from television broadcasts.

GOETHALS said he at no time observed any activity or heard any conversation indicative of a conspiracy to assassinate the senator. After observing the photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, GOETHALS said nobody he saw in the vicinity of the Ambassador Hotel resembled SIRHAN.

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9/26/68

Dayton, N.J.

Newark 44-872

On _____ at _____ File # _____

SA JOHN WALTER SADE/mbm

10/1/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/7/68

Mr. ELLIOT GOLDBERY, 16700 Lahser Road, Detroit, Michigan, advised that on June 4 and June 5, 1968 he was in Phoenix, Arizona on business for Tom Thomas Organization, Incorporated, Detroit Trade Center, Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. GOLDBERY stated that on June 7, 1968 he went to Los Angeles and was a guest in the Ambassador Hotel on June 7, 1968 for one night and he then returned to Phoenix, Arizona the following day. Mr. GOLDBERY stated that he knew nothing of a conspiracy and was not acquainted with SIRHAN B. SIRHAN.

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On 11/4/68 at Detroit, Michigan File # Detroit 56-150
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1.Date 10/14/68

Mrs. ELEANOR GOLDBERG, 1528 West 9th Street, Brooklyn, New York, was contacted and advised that her husband, FRANK and herself were registered guests at the Ambassador Hotel, in Los Angeles, California, on June 4, and 5, 1968. She stated that on the evening of June 4, 1968, her husband and herself were visiting relatives and also went sightseeing. They returned to their hotel shortly before Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot and there was an awful lot of confusion in front of the Ambassador Hotel. She stated that due to the confusion at the hotel, they were unable to enter the hotel, and at this point, she did not know exactly what had happened.

She could not furnish any information of value concerning this matter.

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On 10/11/68 at Brooklyn, New York File # NY 44-1640

by SA PAUL M. CONRAD/bas Date dictated 10/11/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/26/68

Mr. ARTHUR GOLDMAN, Cameraman, National Broadcasting Company (NBC), 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York, stated that on the night of June 4-5, 1968, he was in New York, New York. He stated that he was in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, approximately two weeks prior to June 4-5, 1968. He has no idea why his name was listed as a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968, unless possibly NBC had been thinking of sending him there and had made arrangements without telling him.

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On 9/25/68 at New York, New York File # NY 44-1640
by SA FRANCIS L. CASHIN/kme Date dictated 9/25/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Page 1Date 10/2/68

NORMAN GOTTWIG, 3004 Leeann Boulevard, Billings, Montana, advised as follows:

He was registered at the AMBASSADOR HOTEL at Los Angeles, California, at the time of the assault of ROBERT KENNEDY.

GOTTWIG could furnish no information concerning a possible conspiracy involving this assault.

GOTTWIG stated there were many parties with many people all through the hotel. He stated there were young people of all types at the hotel, so a person resembling SIRHAN would have easily gone unnoticed. GOTTWIG stated he had returned to his room prior to the time KENNEDY was shot and did not hear the shooting until he saw a report of it on television.

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On 9/24/68 at Billings, Montana File # BT #173-28
LA #56-156
by SA WALTER H. RICE, Jr./lly Date dictated 9/24/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/30/68

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ROBERT W. GREENE, Reporter, "Newsday", 550 Stewart Avenue, Garden City, New York, advised he did not check into the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, until eight hours after the assassination of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY, therefore, he did not see or notice SIRHAN B. SIRHAN on the night of June 4, 1968. He added he was not acquainted with SIRHAN nor had he ever seen SIRHAN prior to the assassination.

In regards to a possible conspiracy on the part of other individuals acting with SIRHAN, GREENE stated he personally spoke to about twenty two persons at the Hotel just after the assassination, and none of these persons had any knowledge of any conspiracy nor did any of them observe SIRHAN prior to the assassination, or ever see any individual in movement with SIRHAN prior to the assassination, at the Ambassador Hotel.

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On 9/26/68 at Garden City, New York File # NY 44-1640

by CAA JOHN L. GALLAGHER/bca Date dictated 9/26/68

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Records of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, indicated that on June 4, 1968, VINCENT M. GUAGHAN, 5807 Lake Shore Road, Cleveland, Ohio, was a registered guest.

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CV 175-16
MPM/pas

The following investigation was conducted by SA MILTON P. MANDT on October 2, and 3, 1968, in an attempt to locate and interview VINCENT M. GUAGHAN, 5807 Lake Shore Road, Cleveland, Ohio:

A review of current Cleveland City and Telephone Directories reveals no VINCENT M. GUAGHAN. There are no individuals with the last name of GUAGHAN in these directories.

There is no Lake Shore Road in the Cleveland area; there is a Lake Shore Boulevard which starts at street number 8925, and a Lake Shore Drive which starts at street number 13792. A visual check of this boulevard and drive reveals no address of 5807.

Records of the Cleveland Police Department, Cleveland Retail Credit Men's Company, Voters Registration, Cuyahoga County, which covers Cleveland, Ohio, reveals no information as to VINCENT M. GUAGHAN.

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The following information was furnished on October 31, 1968, by JOSEPH M. ROLAND, Consul, American Consulate, Auckland, New Zealand:

On October 9, 1968, Mrs. DESMOND ALFRED HADDEN, 34 Selwyn Avenue, Mission Bay, Auckland, New Zealand, confirmed that she and Mr. HADDEN were guests at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, at the time of the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. She stated that she and Mr. HADDEN had retired to their room and were asleep at the time of the shooting, of which they were unaware until the following morning. Mrs. HADDEN advised that at no time did she or Mr. HADDEN see either Senator KENNEDY or SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/7/68

Mr. GUY HADSALL, JR., 32023 West Chicago Road, Livonia, Michigan, advised that he was a guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on 6/4/68. Mr. HADSALL said he was in Los Angeles on business for American Motors Sales Corporation, 14250 Plymouth Road, Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. HADSALL said that he went to his room at about 9:30 p.m., June 4, 1968 and went to sleep. He stated he telephoned Detroit, Michigan at 7:30 a.m., June 5, 1968 and was told of the shooting in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles. He stated he is in possession of no information concerning a possible conspiracy and is not acquainted with SIRHAN B. SIRHAN.

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by SA ROBERT M. SMITH/lmo Date dictated 11/7/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/8/68

Miss TERRY HAKER, 30 Brookman Avenue, advised that she is a hairdresser by occupation. She stated that in May, 1968, she and her girlfriends, ARLENE BRADY and MARY SICILIANO, vacationed in the State of California. She advised that on May 29, 1968, the three of them arrived in Los Angeles, California, and registered in Room 215 in the Ambassador Hotel. She stated that on June 2, 1968, she heard from a male acquaintance that Mrs. ETHEL KENNEDY, the wife of former Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, needed a hairdresser since none in the Ambassador Hotel were available. She stated that arrangements were made for her to work on Mrs. KENNEDY's hair for 8:30PM on June 2, 1968. She stated a few minutes before the appointed time she went to Mrs. KENNEDY's suite, 511, and waited about 25 minutes. She stated that at this time Mrs. KENNEDY said she would not have enough time for Miss HAKER to work on her hair and rescheduled her for 8:30AM on June 3, 1968. Miss HAKER stated she departed Mrs. KENNEDY's suite at this time. She advised that at 8:30AM on June 3, 1968, she set and combed Mrs. KENNEDY's hair in the latter's suite, number 511, and then departed. She advised that about 7PM on June 4, 1968, she, ARLENE, and MARY went up to the room of PROVI PARADES on the fifth floor of the Ambassador Hotel. She stated Miss PARADES worked for Mrs. KENNEDY and was to pay her for working on Mrs. KENNEDY's hair. She stated her girlfriends accompanied her in hopes of seeing Mrs. KENNEDY and her late husband. She stated that she waited for about one and one half hours and then got paid by Miss PARADES, who also gave her a photograph of Senator KENNEDY for Mrs. KENNEDY to autograph. Miss HAKER stated she waited in the hall of the fifth floor for about one half an hour and saw Mrs. KENNEDY, who at that time asked her to again comb her hair. She stated she went into Room 511 with her and combed her hair. She said following this, Mrs. KENNEDY signed her husband's

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On 10/2/68 at Elsmere, New York File # AL 175-12
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by SA EDWARD F. NASSIF/gab Date dictated 10/7/68

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photograph and after this, Miss HAKER left.

Miss HAKER stated that she rejoined her girlfriends about 9:30PM in the lobby of the Ambassador Hotel. She stated they waited near the elevator, hoping to see and take photographs of Senator KENNEDY. She stated that MARY left them between 11:15 and 11:30PM and went to their room in this hotel. She stated she and ARLENE remained in the lobby until about 11:50PM and thereafter went downstairs one flight in the hotel, where she heard Senator KENNEDY was to speak again. She stated after waiting about one half hour a young boy came downstairs and shouted that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. She added that almost immediately after hearing this news, she and ARLENE went down a flight of stairs outside the hotel to a parking lot, where the newsmen park their trucks. She stated that they were there for about five minutes when she and ARLENE became separated. She advised that soon after she had realized she and her girlfriend were separated, she headed toward the main entrance of the hotel and on her way, saw Senator KENNEDY's body being brought out on a stretcher from another entrance nearby. She stated a few minutes later, she observed a man, later determined to be SIRHAN SIRHAN, being brought out of the hotel with numerous police officers.

Miss HAKER advised that this was the one and only time she ever saw SIRHAN SIRHAN. She stated she was shocked when she heard the news that Senator KENNEDY was shot and had absolutely no idea of anyone who might have been interested in attempting to kill him.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/9/68

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Mrs. PHYLLIS HARVEY, 2192 Harrodsburg Road, advised that she was a guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on the night of June 4, 1968, the night of the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. She explained that she had been on a Greyhound Bus tour which originated in Chicago, Illinois. She was accompanied by two friends, Mrs. VICTORIA AYERS, whose residence is 111 Goodrich Avenue, Lexington, Kentucky, and Mrs. ALLEYNE MADDOX, whose residence is 2023 Clays Mill Road, Lexington, Kentucky. All three were guests at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on the night of June 4, 1968, and all three were staying together sharing a room in one of the buildings on the grounds at the rear of the main Ambassador Hotel. They had all three been together in the lobby of the Ambassador Hotel where they were watching the crowd and had retired rather late that night at approximately 11:30 PM. They had no knowledge concerning the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY until the following morning of June 5, 1968, at which time they heard the news when they turned on the television. While in the lobby of the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4, 1968, they did not see Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY or any of his party as they were in another section.

She advised they knew of no conspiracy and did not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and had never heard of him prior to the above incident.

She advised that Mrs. VICTORIA AYERS is presently residing in an apartment in Florida, where she will spend the winter. She advised Mrs. AYERS can be contacted through an address at 245 Charles Court, Satellite Beach, Florida. She stated however, that she knew of her own knowledge that Mrs. AYERS could furnish no additional pertinent information concerning the assassination of Senator JOHN F. KENNEDY.

She remarked that all three were greatly shocked the morning of June 5, 1968, when they learned over the news

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On 10/3/68 at Lexington, Ky File# LS 89-78

by SA C. JAMES HOLBROOK/hrs Date dictated 10/3/68

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on the television, of the assassination of Senator ROBERT
F. KENNEDY.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 10, 19681

Mr. ROY HEATLY, Assistant Editor, KCRA Television News, 310 - 10th Street, Sacramento, California, advised the following:

He was a registered guest at the Hotel Ambassador, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968, but spent the evening at Television Station KTLA. He departed the Hotel between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. and did not return until approximately 3:00 a.m., June 5, 1968. He had never heard of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, nor does he have any knowledge of a conspiracy in the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

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On 10/3/68 at Sacramento, California File # SC 62-76

by SA NORMAN P. LeCLAIR / sy/nme Date dictated 10/7/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/15/68

RICHARD HEFFNER, Mc Calls Magazine, 230 Park Avenue, advised that on June 4, 1968, he was supposed to go to Los Angeles, California, accompanied by his assistant named EDEE DJORNSON to interview Senator KENNEDY for his magazine. He did not go to California because the Senator was extremely busy and also his son was graduated from school on June 5, 1968. He has no idea concerning any conspiracy concerning the assassination of Senator KENNEDY nor does he have any background concerning SIRHAN B. SIRHAN.

HEFFNER stated that EDEE DJORNSON did not go to California and thus would know nothing of the assassination.

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On 10/11/68 at New York, New York File # NY 44-1640
by SA VINCENT P. DOHERTY/pr Date dictated 10/14/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date November 22, 1968

Mrs. ALICE HOCH, 1006 Brayton Park Place, advised that on the night of June 4-5, 1968, she had been a registered guest in a second floor hotel room at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, that she had no pertinent personal knowledge or information regarding the June 5, 1968, shooting of former Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, at the hotel.

Mrs. HOCH stated that she had registered at the above hotel as a member of a group of individuals being part of a Greyhound tour. She stated the only other individual there from Utica, N.Y., was Miss BETTY BESIG, who resides at 1607 Whitesboro St., Utica, N.Y., and during the evening and night of June 4, 1968, they sat together in the lobby of the Ambassador Hotel.

She stated that they had observed literally thousands of people in the hotel lobby on the above occasion and had returned to their respective rooms possibly around midnight.

She continued that on the following morning she was joined by Miss BESIG and they both went downstairs to breakfast and it was at this time they learned of the shooting of former Senator KENNEDY.

Mrs. HOCH stated she recalled that after she retired, she did hear a noise which could have been a shot or shots but at the time had dismissed it as thinking it was probably backfire from a car. She believed that likely these were the shots that were fired in the shooting.

She stated she has observed newspaper photographs of the individual who has been charged with the shooting of Senator KENNEDY and cannot say whether or not she

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On 11/21/68 at Utica, New York File # ALBANY 175-12
SA J. LEWIS KELLY mgb LOS ANGELES 56-156
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never saw this individual in the lobby of the Ambassador
Hotel on the night of June 4, 1968.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/14/681

KENNETH HUMPHREYS, Executive Director, California Veterinary Medical Association, 3630 Park Boulevard, Oakland, California, advised as follows:

On June 3 and 4, 1968, he was a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, and left for Palm Springs, California, on June 5, 1968. At 12:15 AM, June 5, 1968, he was in the ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel known as the Embassy Room. At the time of the confusion and statements by unknown individuals that someone had been shot, he was attempting to make his way toward JESSIE UNRUH, a California politician, but because of the crush of people, was unable to reach him. HUMPHREYS then returned to his room in the Hotel.

HUMPHREYS stated that he has never known SIRHAN SIRHAN and cannot state that he saw this individual around the Hotel on the night of June 4, 1968. He said he has no information concerning the murder of Senator KENNEDY and no information concerning a possible conspiracy.

On 11/14/68 at Oakland, California File # SF 62-5481
by SA W. HUGH NOTT:bfr Date dictated 11/14/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date October 15, 1968

Mr. FRANCIS IMMER, 3712 Juniata, stated he was registered into the Ambassador Hotel on June 5, 1968, and received information from the local press and radio that the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot at the hotel. Mr. IMMER said he has never known any person named SIRHAN, did not see this person around the hotel at any time and possessed no information concerning a possible conspiracy.

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On 10/8/68 at St. Louis, Missouri File # SL 44-782
by SA EDWARD M. MORELAND/lep Date dictated 10/10/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 9/25/68

EDMOND G. JEANFREAU, Vice President, Specialty Food Sales Company, 725 Focis Street, was interviewed at his office and he advised as follows:

During the early part of June, 1968, JEANFREAU made a business trip to the West Coast on behalf of his company. The trip was arranged by Travel Consultants, a travel agency located at 338 International Trade Mart, 2 Canal Street, New Orleans, and he was accompanied on the trip by LEWIS A. PAILET, also an executive of Specialty Food Sales Company.

JEANFREAU continued that his plane landed in Los Angeles on the evening of June 4, 1968, and he estimates that he and his companion arrived at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, at about 9:00 p.m. that date. JEANFREAU recalls that he and PAILET registered at the hotel at the same time as a prominent psychiatrist whose name JEANFREAU does not recall, who was scheduled to be a guest speaker at a medical convention at the Ambassador Hotel the following day.

JEANFREAU said that he and PAILET went up to their rooms, staying there only about 15 minutes, or long enough to deposit their luggage and freshen up. At about 9:15 p.m., they both left the hotel and went to a number of night spots on the "Strip" in Los Angeles, since it was their first visit to the city.

JEANFREAU said that he did not return to the hotel until after Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot. He stated that he first learned of the shooting from a cab driver with whom he was riding.

JEANFREAU continued that since he had only spent about 15 minutes at the hotel prior to the assault on Senator KENNEDY, he could furnish absolutely no information regarding the matter. JEANFREAU said that he later saw press photographs of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, but SIRHAN did not appear

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On 9/24/68 at Metairie, Louisiana File # NO 173-994

by SA WILLIAM R. RUMPH/bnk Date dictated 9/25/68

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familiar to him and as far as he knows, he has never seen SIRHAN. JEANFREAU knows nothing about a conspiracy involved in the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 10, 1968

Mr. ROBERT W. JOHNSON, KCRA TV, 310 10th Street, Sacramento, California, advised the following:

He did not go to Los Angeles, California, until the morning of June 5, 1968. He did not know SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and has no knowledge of a conspiracy to kill Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

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On 10/3/68 at Sacramento, California File # SC 62-76

by SA NORMAN P. LE CLAIR/sy Date dictated 10/7/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 29, 1968

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IRA KAPENSTEIN, 6810 Greyswood Road, Bethesda, Maryland, employed by the Personnel Department, U. S. Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., was interviewed and he furnished the following information:

KAPENSTEIN was on the staff of LARRY O'BRIEN, working for the election of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY and as a result of that employment he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968.

Due to the very large crowd involved, while he was present at the Ambassador Hotel, KAPENSTEIN, during the evening and night of June 4, 1968, remained in his room at the Ambassador and watched television programs covering the speech that day of ROBERT KENNEDY and events following the speech.

KAPENSTEIN as a result of his presence at the hotel learned nothing which would have a bearing on the assassination of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. He was in possession of no information indicating a possible conspiracy, did not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and had no recollection of seeing him around the above hotel on the night of June 4, 1968.

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On 10/17/68 at Bethesda, Maryland File # BA 44-684

by SA PAUL M. VAN DRIESSCHE:mk/lhs Date dictated 10/23/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1.Date 10/28/68

ALICE KARALUS, 115-88 229th Street, Cambria Heights, Queens, New York, was contacted and advised her sister, ANN LOCKSHISS, and two girl friends of hers, FRANCES SIMONITIS and RUTH CROWLEY, all take their vacation at the same time together each year. This year they went to Los Angeles, California, where they were registered guests at the Ambassador Hotel. She stated that they obtained two adjoining rooms and that ANN LOCKSHISS and herself were roommates and FRANCES SIMONITIS and Miss RUTH CROWLEY were roommates. She stated that on the evening of June 4, 1968, all of them went to the theater and saw the play Camelot. She stated that they all returned to their hotel at approximately 12:10 A.M., on June 5, 1968, and they went directly to their hotel rooms. When they were in their hotel room, the television set was turned on by one of the girls and at approximately 12:15 A.M., on June 5, 1968, a news bulletin was flashed over the television screen stating that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot.

She stated that she could not furnish any information concerning this matter.

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by SA PAUL M. CONRAD/mml Date dictated 10/25/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/11/68

RICHARD D. KIRCH, 2430 Kenwood Manor, Apartment 13, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, advised as follows:

He is employed as a traveling salesman for the Bulova Watch Company and recalls that he arrived in Los Angeles, California, from Las Vegas, Nevada, on Sunday, June 2, 1968, and checked into the Ambassador Hotel on that same date.

He checked out of the Ambassador and left Los Angeles at 2:30 PM on June 5, 1968, after concluding his business in Los Angeles.

He did not witness the assassination of United States Senator ROBERT KENNEDY, has never seen subject SIRHAN, nor does he know of anyone who did see SIRHAN in or around the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles during the night of June 4, 1968.

He indicated he has no information whatever in this case and could furnish no information of value to this investigation.

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On 10/4/68 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota File # MP 56-60

by SA REEL ADAM BOYD/ebb Date dictated 10/9/68

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Date 10/17/68

VINCENT KLACZYK, 330 Willet Street, Buffalo, New York, advised that during early June, 1968, he and his wife, CLARA T. KLACZYK, spent approximately three days in Los Angeles, California as part of a 22-day tour through various cities in Southwestern United States. He stated that while in this city, he and his wife were paid guests at the Ambassador Hotel, but actually had rooms at the "Motel Annex," located in the vicinity of the above-mentioned hotel. He stated that he and his wife were first aware that United States Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been assassinated was when another guest of this hotel, an elderly lady, whose name he did not recall, knocked on their door at approximately 1:00 A.M. on the date the assassination took place. This lady announced that Senator KENNEDY had been assaulted, but he thought this person was intoxicated and he told her to go away. KLACZYK further advised that he was not aware of any conspiracy to assassinate Senator KENNEDY, nor did he recall ever seeing Senator KENNEDY's suspected assassin, SIRHAN B. SIRHAN in person at any time. He said he has seen published photographs of SIRHAN. KLACZYK further stated that he possessed no additional information pertaining to the assassin of Senator KENNEDY.

KLACZYK advised that the above-mentioned travel to Southwestern United States was arranged through the "Greyhound Tours," Chicago, Illinois.

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On 10/9/68 at Buffalo, New York File # Buffalo 175-20
by SAs PETER J. SOFIA and
JACK W. SUNDERLAND:cap Date dictated 10/14/68

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Date 10/17/68

Mrs. VINCENT KLACZYK (CLARA T.), 330 Willet Street, Buffalo, New York, advised that during early June, 1968, she and her husband, VINCENT KLACZYK, spent approximately three days in Los Angeles, California as part of a 22-day tour through various cities in Southwestern United States. She stated that while in that city they were paid guests at the Ambassador Hotel, but actually had rooms at the "Motel Annex," located in the vicinity of the above-mentioned hotel. She said that she and her husband were first aware that Senator KENNEDY had been assassinated was when another guest of this hotel, an elderly lady, whose name she did not recall, knocked on their door at approximately 1:00 A.M. on the date the assassination took place. This lady announced that Senator KENNEDY had been assaulted, but her husband thought that this person was intoxicated and told her to go away. Mrs. KLACZYK further advised that she was not aware of any conspiracy to assassinate Senator KENNEDY, and did not recall ever seeing Senator KENNEDY's suspected assassin, SIRHAN B. SIRHAN in person at any time. She said she has seen published photographs of SIRHAN. Mrs. KLACZYK further stated that she possessed no additional information pertaining to the assassination of Senator KENNEDY.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/4/68

Mr. GERALD KNITTLE, residence address 7556 - 34th Ave. N. E., Seattle, Washington, advised that he is a representative of the Bulova Watch Company and was in the Los Angeles area for conferences and meetings in the first part of June, 1968.

Mr. KNITTLE advised that he had been at a conference early in the evening of June 4, 1968, in Beverly Hills, and had returned back to the hotel in the late evening of that same night. He said that he had been registered at the Ambassador Hotel, and this was the hotel that he returned to.

Mr. KNITTLE said that he was with other representatives of the Bulova Watch Company that night in the Ambassador Hotel and he was not in the room where Senator KENNEDY was speaking and he did not personally see any thing at all on that evening.

Mr. KNITTLE said that he gained all the information he had that evening from the news media, and he pointed out that the best of his knowledge he has never seen SIRHAN and he has no knowledge concerning any possible conspiracy.

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On 9/29/68 at Seattle, Washington File # SE 89-62

by SA VERNON P. COYNE/vao Date dictated 9/30/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/4/68

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Mr. JAMES H. KNOWLES, residence address 1717 - 150th SE, Bellevue, Washington, a representative of the Beneficial Life Insurance Company, with offices at 330 - 2nd Avenue West, in Seattle, Washington, was interviewed at his place of business.

Mr. KNOWLES advised that he had been in Los Angeles, on a business trip for his company and had checked into the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, on June 3, 1968, and had checked out on June 6, 1968.

Mr. KNOWLES advised that he had been in the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4, and was in his hotel room when he first heard of the assassination over the T.V.

Mr. KNOWLES advised that he did not hear or see anything personally and all his knowledge was gained through the news media.

Mr. KNOWLES advised that to the best of his knowledge he has never seen SIRHAN and he has no knowledge of any information concerning a possible conspiracy.

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On 9/27/68 at Seattle, Washington File # SE 89-62

by SA VERNON P. COYNE
SA JAMES P. MALOY VPC/vao Date dictated 9/30/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 4, 1968

AUSTIN L. KNUTSON, Vice President, First National Bank of Minneapolis, home address 1717 Morgan Avenue South, advised that he was a guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968. Mr. KNUTSON stated that during the night of June 4-5, 1968, he more or less wandered around the hotel visiting the rooms of the various candidates. He stated that he definitely recalled the room where Senator KENNEDY was shot. Mr. KNUTSON stated that he was in Los Angeles on banking business and had been up since early morning and as a result at about 10:30 p.m. or 11:00 p.m. he went to his room and went to bed. He stated that he was asleep when he heard someone crying in the hall outside. Mr. KNUTSON stated that he did not get up and did not really think too much about it until he heard another person crying and shouting that someone had been shot. Mr. KNUTSON stated that he got out of bed and turned on the television and at that time heard the news that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. Mr. KNUTSON stated that he watched television and never did leave his room until the next morning.

Mr. KNUTSON stated that he had seen several photographs of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and has seen him on television on several occasions. Mr. KNUTSON stated that to the best of his knowledge he did not see SIRHAN B. SIRHAN around the Ambassador Hotel nor did he see SIRHAN B. SIRHAN with anybody. He stated that the first time he saw SIRHAN B. SIRHAN was on television after the KENNEDY shooting.

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On 9/24/68 at Minneapolis, Minnesota File # MP 56-62

by SA CARL S. LESTOR:lkp Date dictated 9/30/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 4, 1968

Mr. Edward Kosner, Writer, General Editor, Newsweek, 444 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y., stated he was with the Senator Robert Kennedy campaign in Oregon and for a few days in California. He arrived in Los Angeles on approximately May 29 or 30, 1968 and was registered at the Ambassador Hotel for two days. He left Los Angeles on May 31 or June 1, 1968 and returned to New York, N. Y. He was in New York, N. Y. on June 4, 1968 when Senator Kennedy was assassinated, consequently he knows nothing of the shooting or Sirhan Sirhan.

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On 10/4/68 at New York, New York File # NY 44-1640by SA Francis L. Cashin/fc Date dictated 10/4/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/2/681

DELORES KNAPEK, 35 Natrona Street, was interviewed and advised that she and two companions, HENRIETTA STERLITZ and EVELYN PLANAVSKY, booked a tour through Spowles TWA Travel Agency, 521 Seventh Street, New Kensington, Pa., and arrived in Los Angeles on June 2, 1968. While there, they stayed at the Ambassador Hotel. When she learned that Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was also staying at that hotel and that a victory rally was planned, she and her companions remained in the corridor leading from the Embassy Room to the lobby from approximately 6:00 p.m., until 12:15 a.m., the following morning. She stated that the hotel was packed with people and during that period of time she did not see anyone acting in a suspicious manner. She did not see or overhear the comments of the teenagers which her two companions had heard.

At approximately 12:15 a.m., she heard several shots and went into the Embassy Room. There she heard an unknown individual say that KENNEDY had been shot and then she saw another man with blood on his head. She then returned to the corridor and saw the Los Angeles Police taking SIRHAN from the hotel. She had not seen this individual in the hotel prior to that time. After SIRHAN had been taken from the hotel, she returned to her room.

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On 9/24/68 at Natrona, Pa. File # Pittsburgh 44-583
by SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS/cml Date dictated 9/30/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/25/681

Mr. WAYNE LA CHAPELLE, 18105 38th Avenue East, Tacoma, Washington, advised he traveled to Los Angeles in the company of his wife and HAROLD MANSFIELD of Tacoma, and all arrived in Los Angeles on the afternoon of June 6, 1968. They checked into the Ambassador Hotel about the middle of that afternoon, which was several days after the assassination of Senator KENNEDY. Mr. LA CHAPELLE stated he had no information concerning SIRHAN SIRHAN, and could furnish no information that might be pertinent to this matter.

On 9/20/68 at Tacoma, Washington File # SE 89-62
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by SA ELGIN E. OLROGG/dks Date dictated 9/20/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/27/68

IRWIN (ERNIE) LEFF, Attorney, Darwin, Rosenthal and Leff, Suite 311, 68 Post Street, who resides at 178 27th Avenue, furnished the following information:

LEFF was in Los Angeles on business on June, 4, and 5, 1968. He stayed at a motel, name not recalled, near the Federal Building in Los Angeles, but was not registered at the Ambassador Hotel and did not stay at that hotel.

He was at the Ambassador Hotel on the evening of June 4, 1968, with IRVING and ANNE BERKOVITZ of Beverly Hills, California. ANNE BERKOVITZ was very active in the campaign of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, and was working for his campaign headquarters in Southern California. To the best of his recollection, LEFF was in the Ambassador Hotel from about 6:00 p.m. until close to 10:30 p.m. on the evening of June 4, 1968. He returned to his motel upon leaving the Ambassador Hotel and stayed there the remainder of the night. He did not learn that Senator KENNEDY had been shot until the morning of June 5, 1968 while listening to the news in his motel room.

LEFF has no idea as to how it came about that his name is shown as a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968, particularly in the name of ERNIE LEFF, inasmuch as he is known as ERNIE only to his close friends.

LEFF is not acquainted with SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and does not recall anyone at the Ambassador Hotel answering his description. He has no reason to believe that any conspiracy was involved in the assassination of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 9/24/68 at San Francisco, California File # 62-5481
by SA ROBERT B. HERRINGTON/sag Date dictated 9/25/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date September 25, 1968

LOREN EDWARD LICKEL, 7551 Steinway Road, Lincoln, Nebraska, advised that he was at a Bulova Sales Meeting at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on the night of June 4 - 5, 1968, and occupied a room also at that hotel. He left the meeting in the auditorium about 11:40 p.m. on June 4, 1968, to go to his room and after sleeping the night learned of the shooting that had occurred earlier that morning. He knows nothing of the event and has no recollection of seeing SIRHAN B. SIRHAN in or around the hotel.

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On 9/23/68 at Lincoln, Nebraska File # Omaha 62-2900

by SA HARMON J. OGREN:PJC Date dictated 9/24/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/28/68

ANN LOCKSHISS who resides at 115-88 229th Street, Cambria Heights, Queens, New York, was contacted at her place of employment the Dime Savings Bank located at 9 DeKalb Street, Brooklyn, New York, and furnished the following information:

She advised that she had taken a vacation with her sister, ALICE KARALUS, and two of her girl friends, FRANCES SIMONITIS and RUTH CROWLEY, and they all went to Los Angeles, California. They registered as guests at the Ambassador Hotel and on June 4, 1968, they all went to see the play Camelot. They returned to the hotel at approximately 12:10 A.M., on June 5, 1968; and proceeded to their hotel room. They all went directly to their hotel room and turned on the television set. At approximately 12:15 A.M. or 12:20 A.M., on June 5, 1968, a news bulletin was flashed over the television screen stating that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot. She stated that she was having a very good vacation up to this time and as soon as this news was flashed over the television set, it upset her very much. She stated that she could not furnish any information as to why anyone would shoot Senator ROBERT KENNEDY.

She could not furnish any additional information in connection with this matter.

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On 10/25/68 at Brooklyn, New York File # NY 44-1640
by SA PAUL M. CONRAD/mml Date dictated 10/25/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/7/681

Mrs. MABEL LONG, 460 East Breckenridge, Ferndale, Michigan, stated she and her sister were on a Greyhound tour from Chicago and spent four days in Los Angeles.

Mrs. LONG stated she and her sister were guests in the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California. On June 4, 1968, she and her sister went to their room early in the evening, watched television a short time and went to bed. She stated they were sleeping at the time of the shooting. She said neither she nor her sister knew that the shooting had taken place until the next morning. Mrs. LONG said she was in possession of no information concerning a possible conspiracy and she does not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN.

On 11/4/68 at Detroit, Michigan File # Detroit 56-151

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by SA ROBERT M. SMITH/lmo Date dictated 11/7/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/30/68

Mrs. EDITH LUCAS, 215 East Walnut, was interviewed at her residence. At this time she stated she was on a tour during June of 1968. On June 3, 1968, the tour checked into the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. LUCAS stated during the early evening of June 4, 1968, she went to her room where she remained until the morning of June 5, 1968. She stated she heard numerous emergency vehicle sirens during the early morning of June 5, 1968, however, she did not know Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot until later in the morning.

Mrs. LUCAS stated she observed photographs of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, after learning of the incident involving Senator KENNEDY and she stated she had not seen this individual in the hotel or at any other time. She stated she had no information relative to any conspiracy surrounding the death of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 10/28/68 at Hinsdale, Illinois File # CG 89-61
LA 56-156

by SA DAVID R. STRUCK:bab

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 15, 19681
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Mr. PATRICK J. LUCEY, 963 Farwell Drive, Madison, Wis., advised he is a close personal friend of the KENNEDY family and had checked in at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles just after midnight on the a.m. of June 5, 1968, to participate in the victory rally for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. Shortly after checking in, he learned of the assassination of Senator KENNEDY and noted confusion throughout the hotel.

Mr. LUCEY said he had no information concerning a possible conspiracy in this matter, did not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, and had not seen him about the hotel.

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On 10/14/68 at Madison, Wis. File # MI 157-548

by SA ELDON J. MUELLER /dsw Date dictated 10/15/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/25/68

Mr. WILLIAM T. MADDEN, 16 East 33rd Street, New York, New York, telephone number 421-5144, residence 155 Henry Street, Brooklyn, New York, stated that he and his wife arrived in Los Angeles, California on June 6, 1968, on their way to Hawaii. While in Los Angeles, they stayed at the Ambassador Hotel. In view of the fact that they arrived after the assassination of Senator KENNEDY, they know nothing of it or of SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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On 10/25/68 at New York, New York (telephonically) File # NY 44-1540
by SA FRANCIS L. CASHIN/np Date dictated 10/25/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/9/68

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Mrs. ALLEYNE MADDOX, 2023 Clays Mill Road, advised that she and two companions, Mrs. PHYLLIS HARVEY of 2192 Harrodsburg Road, Lexington, Kentucky, and Mrs. VICTORIA AYERS of 111 Goodrich Avenue, Lexington, Kentucky, had joined a Greyhound Bus Tour which departed from Chicago, Illinois, on May 26, 1968. About twenty persons were on the tour, however, only the above three individuals were from Lexington, Kentucky. She advised the three left the tour about June 14, 1968, at St. Louis, Missouri.

She advised the three ladies shared a room in one of the detached buildings on the rear grounds of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4 and 5, 1968.

She stated all three had been in the lobby of the Ambassador Hotel the night of June 4, 1968, just watching the crowd. However, they retired at about 11:30 PM and all three went to their room together. She stated while in the lobby they did not see Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY or any of his party.

She advised the three ladies had no knowledge whatsoever concerning the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY until they turned on their television in their room the following morning of June 5, 1968, and that all three were greatly shocked upon learning the news of his assassination.

She advised that none of the three ladies had any knowledge of any conspiracy and had never before heard of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN.

She advised that Mrs. VICTORIA AYERS is not presently at her residence in Lexington, Kentucky, as she has gone to Florida where she will spend the winter. She

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On 10/3/68 at Lexington, Ky. File # LS 89-78

by SA G. JAMES HOLBROOK/hrs Date dictated 10/3/68

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advised that Mrs. AYERS had been residing with a daughter at 245 Charles Court, Satellite Beach, Florida. She stated however that the most recent address she has for Mrs. VICTORIA AYERS is that she is now residing in an apartment at 1395 ALA Boulevard, Apartment 3, Satellite Beach, Florida.

She stated she knew of her own knowledge that Mrs. VICTORIA AYERS had no knowledge whatsoever concerning any conspiracy regarding the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and that also Mrs. AYERS had never heard of and did not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN except what she had heard through the news subsequent to the assassination of Senator KENNEDY.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 25, 19681

Mr. HAROLD MANSFIELD, 8606 - 24th Avenue, East, Tacoma, Washington, advised that he in the company of another Tacoma couple, Mr. and Mrs. WAYNE LA CHAPELLE, arrived in Los Angeles on June 6, 1968; and checked into the Ambassador Hotel on that afternoon, which was after the assassination of Senator KENNEDY. Mr. MANSFIELD stated he has no information to furnish concerning SIRHAN SIRHAN or the circumstances of this matter.

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On 9/20/68 at Tacoma, Washington File # SE 89-62
by SA ELGIN E. OLROGG/dks Date dictated 9/20/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date September 25, 1968

Mrs. HAROLD MANSFIELD, 8606 - 24th Avenue East, Tacoma, Washington, advised that she, her husband, and another Tacoma couple by the name Mr. and Mrs. LA CHAPELLE travelled to Los Angeles by air on June 6, 1968, arriving at the Ambassador Hotel in the middle of the afternoon on that date. By that time the assassination of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY had taken place and she could furnish no information pertinent to this matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date September 27, 1968

A. R. MARSH, American Eagle Life Insurance Company, 11 Commerce Street, Newark, New Jersey, advised that he checked into the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California in the late afternoon of June 5, 1968 and left the hotel on June 7, 1968. He stated that since he was not at the hotel at the time Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot, he has no information at all concerning the incident.

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On 9/23/68 at Newark, New Jersey File # Newark 44-872

by SA HOWARD H. RICE /maf Date dictated 9/24/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/15/68

HAROLD MATHEWSON, Photographer, New York Daily News, 220 East 42nd Street, advised that he did not arrive in Los Angeles, until the afternoon of June 5, 1968, which was several hours after Senator KENNEDY was assassinated. He has no knowledge as to any conspiracy concerning the assassination of Senator KENNEDY nor any background concerning SIRHAN B. SIRHAN.

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On 10/11/68 at New York, New York File # NY 44-1640

by SA VINCENT P. DOHERTY/prr Date dictated 10/14/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/15/68

PAUL MATHIES telephonically contacted the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) from Cape Kennedy, Florida, where he is covering the Apollo Flight for the Paris-Match magazine with whom he is connected. An earlier inquiry on same date had been made at Paris-Match, New York City address, 22 East 67th Street, at which time MATHIES was determined to be in Florida in above connection.

MATHIES advised that he had followed Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY during his campaign and had been with him in Los Angeles, California; however, was not present in Los Angeles at the time of KENNEDY's assassination. He stated he had been called back to New York a couple of days previous to the shooting, due to internal political problems in France. He was unable to furnish any information of pertinence concerning the assassination of SIRHAN B. SJRHAN.

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On 10/14/68 at New York, New York File # 44-1640

by SA JOHN BRADSHAW, Jr./jtg Date dictated 10/15/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/4/68

JOHN T. MC ALISTER, 172 Nassau Street, Princeton, New Jersey, on September 25, 1968, advised he reached Los Angeles, California on May 29, 1968, and departed about 7:30 a.m. June 4, 1968, flying to Chicago, Illinois to honor a commitment.

During his stay at Los Angeles, he resided at the Ambassador. MC ALISTER was a member of the Speeches Bureau which made speeches on behalf of Senator KENNEDY available to groups desiring to listen.

While at Los Angeles, MC ALISTER, who is a lecturer in Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, said he was unaware of any hostility directed toward Senator KENNEDY and heard of no threats being voiced.

After observing a photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, MC ALISTER said he could not recall ever seeing anybody resembling this person at Los Angeles or the vicinity of the Ambassador.

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SA JOHN WALTER SADE/mbm

10/1/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 9/30/68

MIKE MC CALEB advised that he is employed by the Arthur Anderson Company, 1700 Bank of the Southwest, 910 Travis Street. He said that he had booked flight reservations from Houston to Los Angeles through the Travel House of Houston, 6910 Fannin Street on June 2, 1968.

MC CALEB said that he checked into the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California upon his arrival in Los Angeles and that he had checked out of that hotel the day before Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot at the Ambassador Hotel. He said he checked into the Cavalier Hotel on Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. MC CALEB advised that he was not in the Ambassador Hotel when Senator KENNEDY was shot and that he knows absolutely nothing about the matter, except what he has read in the newspapers.

MC CALEB said that ROY C. ELIFF of the Falcon Seaboard Drilling Company, 3701 Allen Parkway, Houston, Texas, along with his family booked flight reservations to Los Angeles on the same flight as himself. He said the ELIFF family checked into the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles and that they too checked out the day before the shooting of Senator KENNEDY and checked into the Cavalier Hotel. MC CALEB said that ELIFF took his wife and 3 sons on the trip to Los Angeles from Houston. He stated further that ELIFF is presently out of the country.

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On 9/27/68 at Houston, Texas File # HO 175-12
LA 56-156
by SA F. WILLIAM WHATLEY, JR.:sm Date dictated 9/27/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/24/68

Mr. ROY MC GANN, 2251 East Lincoln Drive, Phoenix, Arizona, advised that he is a sales representative for Bulova Watch Company and that during the period June 4, 5 and 6, 1968, he attended a Bulova sales seminar held at the Ambassador hotel, Los Angeles, California.

Mr. MC GANN advised that he was in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel during the evening of June 4-5, 1968, and heard Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's speech, observed him disappear behind the podium but was not aware that Senator KENNEDY had been shot until the incident was passed by statements made by other people in attendance at the Embassy Room shortly after midnight on June 5, 1968.

Mr. MC GANN stated that upon hearing these statements regarding Senator KENNEDY's being shot, many of the young females in the extremely crowded Embassy Room commenced crying and it became an extremely chaotic scene.

Mr. MC GANN advised he did not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN nor did he recall seeing him about the hotel on the night of June 4, 1968. Furthermore, he has no information concerning a possible conspiracy in the assassination of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 9/24/68 at Phoenix, Arizona File # PX 175-19
LA 56-156
by SA HENRY F. ALSTON &
SA COLIN M. DUNNIGAN CMD/gle Date dictated 9/24/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 10, 1968

Mr. TERRY M. MC GANN, Administrative Assistant to California State Senator GEORGE R. MOSCONE advised as follows:

He resides at 4411 Del Rio Road, No. 8, Sacramento, California. He stated he was not in Los Angeles on June 4 or June 5, 1968, but was in San Francisco working in the KENNEDY campaign headquarters in San Francisco. He stated he had no intention of going to Los Angeles, California, and had not expressed any interest in going there to anyone. He has no idea how his name might have been listed as a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, June 4, 1968, although it is possible someone in the KENNEDY staff thought he might go and had made a reservation for him. He advised he was the Northern California Coordinator for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's campaign.

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On 10/1/68 at Sacramento, California File # SC 62-76

by SA ROBERT EDWARD JONES/sy Date dictated 10/4/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/3/68

JAMES EUGENE McGUIRE, 801 West Penrod Drive, advised that he is a traveling salesman for the Bulova Watch Company, 630 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York. McGUIRE advised further that he was on a business trip to Los Angeles, California, in June, 1968. He said from June 3, to June 6, 1968, he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles.

McGUIRE said he was in his hotel room watching television at the time Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot.

McGUIRE advised he has no information whatsoever concerning a possible conspiracy in connection with this shooting of Senator KENNEDY. He advised further that he does not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and did not see SIRHAN on the night of June 4, 1968.

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On 9/23/68 at Granbury, Texas File # Dallas 175-9
Los Angeles 56-156
by SA ROBLEY D. MADLAND/sg1 Date dictated 9/27/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/27/681

Dr. JAMES V. MC HUGH, M.D., 55 West Street,
furnished the following information:

He and two of his friends, Mr. and Mrs. DONALD J. GEARY, also of Leominster, arrived at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on the morning of June 5, 1968. Earlier that morning Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY succumbed to wounds inflicted on the night of June 4, 1968. Since their arrival was several hours subsequent to the murder of Senator KENNEDY, neither he nor the GEARYs are in a position to make available any information about the murder.

On 9/26/68 at Leominster, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-646

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by SA GEORGE S. WALLACE/car Date dictated 9/26/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/26/68

Mr. JOSEPH C. MC KENZIE, Assistant Administrator, Brookside Hospital, 2000 Vale Road, San Pablo, California, was interviewed in his office. He provided the following information:

Mr. MC KENZIE advised that on June 4, 1968, he was a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. He stated that at the time of the KENNEDY incident, he was in his cottage which was on the rear of the hotel grounds. He said he could provide no information of value regarding this incident, noting that he had not seen this crime take place and had not been in a position to obtain firsthand information regarding it.

Mr. MC KENZIE stated that he had not seen SIRHAN B. SIRHAN at any time during his stay in Los Angeles. Mr. MC KENZIE stated that he could provide absolutely no information of a positive nature regarding this crime.

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On 9/23/68 at San Pablo, California File # SF 62-5481

by DANIEL E. KELLY/mam Date dictated 9/23/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date: 11/7/68

Mrs. RONALD MC LELLAN, 2200 Crooks Road, Troy, Michigan, advised that she and her husband RONALD arrived from Hawaii at 11:00 p.m., June 4, 1968 and went directly to their room in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. She said they stayed in their room and did observe what happened in the hotel on television. She stated that neither she nor her husband possessed any information concerning a possible conspiracy and neither were acquainted with SIRHAN B. SIRHAN.

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On 11/4/68 at Detroit, Michigan File # Detroit 56-146
by SA ROBERT M. SMITH/lmo Date dictated 11/7/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 9, 1968

JOHN B. MC MILLEN, Administrator, St. Francis Hospital, Carlsbad, New Mexico, residence 1201 West Riverside Drive, Carlsbad, New Mexico, advised that he and his wife, along with their two children, ages seven and nine, checked into the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968, after spending the day of June 4, 1968, at the San Diego Zoo, San Diego, California.

MC MILLEN stated that he and his family were in the lower ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel from about 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on June 4, 1968. He explained they were just observing the crowd and activity and attempting to pick out the celebrities for their children. MC MILLEN continued sometime between 10:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m., the crowd was getting somewhat unruly, and the children were getting tired, so they went back to their room, which he believed was Room 128, located on the main floor or the mezzanine. MC MILLEN stated he later heard some noise and shouting coming from the direction of the lower ballroom, and he assumed it was the announcement that KENNEDY had won the election. MC MILLEN advised he did not know Senator ROBERT KENNEDY had been shot until he turned on the television the following morning.

MC MILLEN advised he did not recall seeing SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, and his picture was not familiar to him when he later saw it on television and in the newspapers.

MC MILLEN concluded he had gone to Los Angeles California, at that time to attend a workshop being conducted by the American College of Hospital Administrators.

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On 10/7/68 at Carlsbad, New Mexico File # AQ 62-1295

by SA JAMES GALLAGHER/jkw Date dictated 10/8/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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October 28, 1968

Date _____

KIMO MC VAY, Duke Kahanamoku's, International Market Place, advised that he had held reservations at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, for June 4, 1968.

He further advised that although he held reservations for that date, he did not arrive at the Ambassador Hotel until June 5, 1968, after the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He said that he had been on a pleasure trip to New Orleans and had extended his stay for personal reasons.

He said that he could furnish no information in this matter.

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10/24/68

Honolulu, Hawaii

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On _____ at _____ File # _____

SA JAMES D. JESSEE:vlm

10/25/68

by _____ Date dictated _____

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 5, 19681

JAMES C. MC WHINNEY advised he is a bachelor and resides with his brother on a farm near Coal Valley where he assists with the farm work.

Mr. MC WHINNEY explained that for a number of years he has taken tours set up by a Travel Bureau Service to different parts of the United States. In June, 1968, he was on such a tour, which took him to Los Angeles, California, and the group was registered at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles for three days, which included the day that ROBERT F. KENNEDY was assassinated. Mr. MC WHINNEY recalls on the day before the assassination, which would be June 4, 1968, the group went on a tour of the city of Los Angeles. He believes they returned to the hotel around 6:00 P.M. He had dinner and "hung around" the lobby because of the excitement and on two occasions, saw ROBERT KENNEDY. However, the crowd became so large that at approximately 11:00 P.M. he returned to his hotel room, where he went to bed.

Mr. MC WHINNEY observed the photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and stated he did not recall observing him at the Ambassador Hotel while he was there, but added that he probably did see SIRHAN B. SIRHAN because he was wandering around in this crowd before he went to bed. When asked specifically if he did observe SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, he answered, "No, I could not testify to that."

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On 10/30/68 at Coal Valley, Illinois File # SI 44-568

by SA ROBERT A. WICKWIRE/lmh Date dictated 10/30/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 8, 1968

FRED MEENEDSEN, Corn Products Company, International Plaza, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, furnished the following information:

He was registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968, and June 5, 1968. At about midnight on June 4, 1968, he and two other friends were standing in the corridor just outside the Embassy Room listening to Senator KENNEDY talking. Because of the large crowd in the doorway, he could not see KENNEDY. The two friends were BILL MORGAN and DON HOLT, both employed by Corn Products Company, 731 Garfield Avenue, Alhambra, California. From where he was standing, he could see swinging doors leading into the serving kitchen.

He did not see KENNEDY leave the Embassy Room but next heard some kind of disturbance in the serving kitchen. He did not hear any shots. He next saw two guards come out of the kitchen doors and block the entrance to the kitchen. Then a man calling for a doctor came running out. Next, an unknown woman, who he could not describe, ran through these kitchen doors and said KENNEDY had been shot and she went toward the lobby. He saw nothing suspicious and could not identify anyone else.

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On 10/31/68 at Englewood Cliffs, N.J. File # Newark 44-372

by SA RICHARD L. BIGLER jz Date dictated 11/5/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/17/681.

Mr. NEIL MICELOTTA, 115 Dewey Avenue, Great Kills, Staten Island, New York, advised telephonically that he was at the Ambassador Hotel on June 5, 1968 at 12:15 when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was assassinated. Mr. MICELOTTA stated that he and his wife were in their hotel room at 12:15 A.M. and they saw or heard nothing during their stay at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles that would be of value concerning the investigation of Senator KENNEDY. He stated that they left Los Angeles on June 7, 1968.

Mr. MICELOTTA stated that his and his wife's travel arrangements were handled by Commercial Travel Agency, 219 Grand Street, New York, New York. He said that his home telephone number is 356-4286 and his office telephone number is ST 8-7728.

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On 10/15/68 at New York, New York File # NY 44-1640

by SA HERBERT W. KILGORE/axb Date dictated 10/16/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/25/68

MALCOLM MILLER, Sales Representative in New Mexico for Bulova Watch Company, 630 5th Avenue, New York City, New York, residing 1203 Pennsylvania, N. E., Albuquerque, New Mexico, advised that he had attended a sales representative meeting of the Bulova Watch Company held at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, during the period June 2, through June 5, 1968. Mr. MILLER stated that he had checked in at the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 3:00 P.M. on June 2, 1968, and checked out of the hotel during the noon hour on June 5, 1968. He stated that he occupied a room on the third floor at the Ambassador Hotel and that to the best of his knowledge he had not seen SIRHAN B. SIRHAN in or about the hotel. He stated that he had never met SIRHAN and had never seen a photograph of him until he saw SIRHAN on television after the assassination of Mr. ROBERT KENNEDY. Mr. MILLER stated that he possesses no information concerning a possible conspiracy to assassinate Mr. ROBERT KENNEDY and that he can furnish no information concerning SIRHAN B. SIRHAN.

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On 10/15/68 at Albuquerque, New Mexico File # AQ 62-1295

by SA ROBERT J. WIRTH/rag Date dictated 10/21/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/31/681

RALPH MILLER, 187 Woodbury Road, Woodbury, New York, advised that he and his wife, EMMA MILLER, went on a vacation tour to California, which tour was arranged for them by North Shore Travel Service, 63 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, New York.

He stated they spent three days and two nights in San Francisco and then were in Los Angeles from June 3 through June 6, 1968, where they stayed at the Ambassador Hotel. He stated they did not stay at the main building of the hotel, but were housed in an outer building.

Mr. MILLER advised that they were away from the hotel all day June 4, 1968 and did not return to their room until the early morning of June 5, 1968. He stated there was a lot of confusion and crowds milling around the hotel when they returned and they were not able to get near the main building so they went directly to their room. He stated they later learned of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY, but they had not seen Senator KENNEDY nor had they at any time seen SYLVEAN SIRIAN.

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On 10/29/68 at Woodbury, New York File # NY 44-1640

by SA JOHN J. STARNC/tp Date dictated 10/30/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/21/681

LOU MOORE, Salesman, Bulova Watch, Inc., New York, New York, advised that he had been registered at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968 and had been in the outer ballroom on the night that Senator KENNEDY was killed. He stated he did not witness the shooting and could offer no information concerning SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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On 10/18/68 at New York, New York File # NY 44-1640by SA JOSEPH P. MAYER, #2 Date dictated 10/21/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/13/681

DALE MORGAN, Associate Administrator, St. Joseph's Hospital, Park Hill Avenue and Buena Vista Avenue East, San Francisco, California furnished the following information:

MORGAN formerly resided at 22101 Moross, Detroit, Michigan, but moved to 803 Oregon, San Mateo, California, the middle of September, 1968.

MORGAN and his wife, NORMA, checked into the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 2, 1968, and stayed in one of the cottages on the grounds of the Hotel. He was in Los Angeles to attend an assembly of hospital administration held at the Ambassador Hotel from June 3, 1968, through June 6, 1968. Mr. and Mrs. MORGAN checked out of the Hotel on June 6, 1968.

On the night of June 4 - 5, 1968, Mr. and Mrs. MORGAN had dinner in the Ambassador Hotel at about 6:00 PM. They finished dinner at approximately 8:00 PM and then went outside in the court of the Hotel where a rally was in progress and watched celebrities attending the rally. About 10:00 PM they went to their room and watched television until 10:30 PM when they retired for the night. They were awakened shortly after midnight by the sounds of sirens close by and Mr. MORGAN got up and turned on the television set in the room. It was at that time that they learned Senator KENNEDY had been shot while attending a victory party at the Ambassador Hotel.

MORGAN is not acquainted with SIRHAN SIRHAN and does not recall having seen any person answering his description around the Hotel on the night of June 4, 1968. He also has no information indicating that a conspiracy was involved in the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 11/13/68 at San Francisco, California File # SF 62-5481

by SA ROBERT B. HERRINGTON:bfr Date dictated 11/13/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/13/681

Mrs. DALE (NORMA) MORGAN, 803 Oregon, furnished the following information:

Mrs. MORGAN, who formerly resided at 22101 Moross, Detroit, Michigan, went to Los Angeles, California, with her husband, in early June, 1968. As best she recalls, they arrived in Los Angeles on June 2, 1968, and stayed at the Ambassador Hotel in one of the cottages on the grounds of the Hotel from June 2, 1968, through June 6, 1968.

To the best of her recollection, on the night of June 4 - 5, 1968, she and her husband went to dinner in one of the rooms of the Hotel where the dinner is served buffet style. They went to dinner early in the evening and after dinner, went out into the courtyard of the Hotel and watched the various celebrities attending a political rally which was going on in the courtyard. At about 9:30 PM or 10:00 PM, they went to their room, watched television for a few minutes, and then retired. They were awakened sometime shortly after midnight by sirens in the vicinity. Her husband got up and turned on the television set. At that time they learned that Senator KENNEDY had been shot while attending a victory celebration at the Ambassador Hotel.

Mrs. MORGAN is not acquainted with SIRHAN SIRHAN and does not recall seeing anyone around the Hotel who would have answered his description. She also observed nothing and saw nothing which would in any indicate to her that any conspiracy existed in connection with the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 11/13/68 at San Mateo, California File # SF 62-5481

by SA ROBERT B. HERRINGTON:bfr Date dictated 11/13/68

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Date 9/24/68

Mr. STEPHEN MORRIS, 2231 East Montebello, Phoenix, Arizona, who is employed as president of the Good Samaritan Hospital, 1033 East McDowell Road, Phoenix, advised that he checked into the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, at approximately 6 p.m. on June 4, 1968, to attend a three-day conference of the American College Hospital Administrators.

Mr. MORRIS further advised that he was not in the Embassy Room during the evening of June 4, 1968, and early morning hours of June 5, 1968, but rather left his room at approximately 10 p.m. on June 4, 1968, to observe the political activities in the lobby of the Ambassador Hotel. Mr. MORRIS advised that he remained in the lobby from 10 p.m. to approximately 11 p.m., June 4, 1968, after which he returned to his room.

Mr. MORRIS said the only information he had about the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was what he observed on television the early morning of June 5, 1968. Mr. MORRIS stated he did not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and does not recall seeing SIRHAN in the lobby of the Ambassador Hotel during the period from 10 to 11 p.m., June 4, 1968. Furthermore, he has no information concerning a conspiracy in the assassination of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 9/24/68 at Phoenix, Arizona File # PX 175-19
LA 56-156
by SA HENRY F. ALSTON &
SA COLIN M. DUNNIGAN CMD/gle Date dictated 9/24/68

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Date 10-9-68

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EDWARD (No middle initial) MOSKOWITZ, was interviewed in the Portland FBI Office and furnished the following signed statement:

"Portland, Oregon
"October 7, 1968

"I Edward Moskowitz, 1440 S. W. Huntington St. Portland, Oregon, age 47, employed Sales Representative, Bulova Watch Co., officing out of my residence, make the following voluntary signed statement to Ronald E. Sherk, Special Agent, F. B. I.

"On the night of June 4-5, 1968 I was registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. Through the management I and some of my party were given passes to go into the Embassy Room to watch the proceedings there.

"I was present and heard Senator Kennedy's short acceptance speech about midnight. At about 12:15 Senator Kennedy left the podium in the Embassy Room. He started to go through the Embassy Room, then, because of the crowd he changed direction and exited via the service area to the rear of the podium. I was standing about 35 feet to the right of the podium as you face it and about even with the front edge of the podium.

"Just moments after the Senator exited, I heard what I thought was a firecracker from the direction of the service area. There was then so much crowd noise that I presumably did not hear the second and third shots. Afterwards I heard approximately three more shots.

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On 10-7-68 at PORTLAND, OREGON File# PD 62-2864

by SA RONALD E. SHERK:smp Date dictated 10-7-68

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"The crowd surged toward the opening into the service area, and I went along with the crowd. I actually entered the service area about 2 or 3 minutes after I heard the first shot. I saw two men on the floor and I don't know which was Senator Kennedy, but I did see Mrs. Kennedy kneeling over one of the men. I also saw a 17 or 18 year old boy, down against a table to the left of the other two men. I did see Roosevelt Grier and Johnson holding on to a small man. I did not see a gun. I would not be able to recognize Sirhan from what I saw there.

"I then turned and left the service area as there were calls that the area be cleared.

"I have no information concerning a possible conspiracy, never saw Sirhan before or since, and did not see him before the above described glimpse. I know nothing further concerning the matter.

"I have read this statement of this and one preceding page and state that it is the truth.

"/S/ Edward Moskowitz

"Witnesses:

/S/ Ronald E. Sherk

/S/ Marion C. Street, S. A., FBI, Portland, Oregon 10/7/68

Both FBI, Portland, Ore."

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Date 10/31/681:

KATHERINE MURPHY, 151 Tremont Street, Boston, Massachusetts, advised that she was a worker in the Presidential Campaign of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY in several states, including Indiana and California. She advised that she arrived in Los Angeles, California on approximately May 5, 1968, and on the evening of June 4, 1968, was at the Ambassador Hotel Ballroom. She stated she was in the company of CAROL ASH, WALTER SHERIDAN, THERESA WALSTON, and RICHARD COLEMAN. She stated she and the group left the above ballroom at approximately 11:30 p.m. to dine at another nearby hotel and they were not present at the Ambassador Hotel when Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was shot.

MISS MURPHY stated that she viewed photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN and was unable to identify him as an individual whom she had seen anywhere previously.

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On 10/28/68 at Boston, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-646
by SA JAMES E. HARVEY/nlc Date dictated 10/30/68

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1Date October 22, 1968

Miss ROSEMARY MURPHY, 7486 Castro, stated that from June 4-6, 1968, she and Miss JANE CRAUCH were registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. She said on the morning of June 5, 1968, when she awoke she heard that the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot. Miss MURPHY stated she never saw any person named SIRHAN, does not know this individual and was unable to furnish any information concerning possible conspiracy.

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On 10/21/68 at St. Louis, Missouri File # SL 44-782
by SA EDWARD M. MORELAND/lep Date dictated 10/21/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/7/68-1-

Mr. NILS G. NILSSON, an employee of the Technical Engineering Division, District of Columbia Department of Corrections, D. C. Reformatory, Lorton, Virginia, was interviewed at his place of employment.

Mr. NILSSON advised that he was not in Los Angeles, California on June 4, 1968, and was not a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on that date. He advised he was in Los Angeles, California, in 1942, while on a 30-day leave from the U. S. Army, at which time he stayed at the Stage Door Canteen.

He advised that on June 4, 1968, he was at work at the D. C. Reformatory. He advised he normally uses his first name in all correspondence he sends and all registrations he makes. He advised he does not use initials only. He advised that he has not recently lost any identification and he was at a loss to explain how anyone using his identification could be registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968.

He advised he is not personally acquainted with anyone having the last name of POSTON. Mr. NILSSON advised that he has a son, age 20, named BRIAN W. NILSSON, who was graduated in June, 1967, from the Garfield High School, Woodbridge, Virginia. He stated his son had been convicted of burglary in Alexandria, Virginia, in 1967, and received a six-months suspended sentence. He said his son lives by himself in an apartment in Woodbridge, Virginia, but he stated that he felt certain his son would not have been in California and would not have registered using his name.

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On 9/30/68 at Lorton, Virginia File # Richmond 62-2248
Los Angeles 56-156
by SA JOHN W. ELWELL: ddm Date dictated 10/4/68

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Date 10/7/68-1-

Mrs. N. G. NILSSON, 4 Lake Drive, Woodbridge, Virginia, telephone number 494-3493, advised her husband, NILS G. NILSSON, is an employee in the Engineering Department of the District of Columbia Department of Corrections at the D. C. Reformatory, Lorton, Virginia.

Mrs. NILSSON advised that neither she nor her husband were in the Los Angeles, California, area in June of 1968. She advised, to her knowledge, her husband has not recently been in the Los Angeles area and, to her recollection, he was employed at the Reformatory on June 4, 1968. She could offer no suggestion as to who may have registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, using her husband's name, address and telephone number.

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On 9/26/68 at Woodbridge, Virginia File # Richmond 62-2248
Los Angeles 56-156
by SA JOHN W. ELWELL: ddm Date dictated 10/2/68

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Date 10/7/68-1-

Mr. BRIAN W. NILSSON was interviewed at his place of employment, the Piedmont Aircraft Company, 1221 Cameron Street, Alexandria, Virginia. NILSSON advised that he was not in Los Angeles, California, in June of 1968, definitely did not register at the Ambassador Hotel on that date using his father's name, and that during June, 1968, he was employed by the Log Electronics at 7001 Loisdale Road, Springfield, Virginia. He advised, to the best of his recollection, he was employed by that concern on June 4, 1968, as he has worked steadily with that company since October, 1967, until July, 1968.

He said he took his vacation in July, 1968, at Nags Head, North Carolina. He stated he has not lost any identification recently and is at a loss to explain the registration at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, in the name of his father.

He advised he is not acquainted with anyone by the last name of POSTON.

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On 10/1/68 at Alexandria, Virginia File # Richmond 62-2248
Los Angeles 56-156
by SA JOHN W. ELWELL: ddm Date dictated 10/4/68

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Date 10/7/68-1-

Mrs. B. J. GARRETT, Time Clerk, Engineering Department, District of Columbia Department of Corrections, D. C. Reformatory, Lorton, Virginia, advised her records reflect that NILS G. NILSSON was at work on the day shift of June 3, 4, and 5, 1968.

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The Telephone Directories for Woodbridge, Virginia; Suburban Virginia; and Suburban Maryland; and Washington, D. C., were reviewed. The Suburban Virginia Directory lists NILS G. NILSSON, 4 Lake Drive, Woodbridge, Virginia, telephone number 494-3493. None of these directories listed anyone named KALALL POSTON. The only POSTON listed at the Woodbridge, Virginia, area was CHARLES R. POSTON, of 308 "D" Street, Woodbridge, Virginia.

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Mr. EUGENE P. COX, Customer Service Representative, Eastern Airlines, Washington National Airport (WNA), Alexandria, Virginia, advised that CHARLES R. POSTON, of 308 "D" Street, Woodbridge, Virginia, is employed by Eastern Airlines in their control center, at WNA, Alexandria, Virginia. He advised that POSTON is currently on vacation.

Mr. COX consulted employment records and determined that POSTON was employed June 3, 4, and 5, 1968, from 6:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

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Date October 23, 19681

Mrs. CHARLES POSTON of 308 D Street, Woodbridge, Virginia, advised that, to her knowledge, her family is the only POSTON family in Woodbridge, Virginia. She advised she is familiar with the identities of all the POSTONS in her husband's family and the name KALALL POSTON is completely unfamiliar and she is not acquainted with anyone by this name. In addition, she advised she has never heard of anyone by this name. She related that she is not acquainted with the NILS G. NILSSON family of Woodbridge. She further advised that she is not acquainted with anyone who was in Los Angeles, California, at the time of the assassination of ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

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On 10-15-68 at Woodbridge, Virginia File # Richmond 62-2248
Los Angeles 56-156
by SA JOHN W. ELWELL: jll Date dictated 10-18-68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/21/681

FRANK S. OWEN, Salesman, Pulcva Watch, Inc., New York, New York, advised that on June 4, 1968, he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel and on that night he was in the outer ballroom and had listened to the speech made by Senator KENNEDY. He stated he remained in the outer ballroom and could offer no information concerning the actual shooting or concerning any information relative to SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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On 10/18/68 at New York, New York File # NY 44-1640by SA JOSEPH P. MAYER/tp Date dictated 10/21/68

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Date 9/25/68

LEWIS A. PAILET, Vice President, Specialty Food Sales Company, 725 Focis Street, was interviewed at his office and he advised as follows:

He and a colleague, EDMOND G. JEANFREAU, arrived in Los Angeles, California, by plane on the evening of June 4, 1968. The trip was a business trip on behalf of their company, and arrangements for the trip were made by Travel Consultants, a travel agency located at 338 International Trade Mart, 2 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

PAILET estimated that he and JEANFREAU arrived at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, at approximately 9:00 p.m., on June 4, 1968. They spent a few minutes in their rooms after checking into the hotel, and they both left the hotel at about 9:15 p.m., planning to visit some night clubs in Los Angeles and see the city since neither PAILET nor JEANFREAU had visited Los Angeles before. He and JEANFREAU went to several clubs on the Sunset Strip before PAILET and JEANFREAU separated. PAILET indicated that he was going to return to the hotel as he was tired.

PAILET continued that he entered the lobby of the Ambassador Hotel at about 11:50 or 11:55 p.m., on June 4, 1968. He observed considerable activity in the hotel, and he learned from bystanders that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was then participating in a victory celebration in the hotel following his victory in the California primary in his bid for the Democratic presidential nomination.

PAILET said that when he learned of the Senator's presence in the hotel, he decided to remain in the lobby area of the Ambassador Hotel to observe the festivities and to perhaps see the Senator as he left the hotel.

He recalls standing near a fountain in the lobby of the hotel, near some television cameras, when he observed a person run from the corridor leading from the Embassy Room and turn to the right into the lobby of the hotel. The person

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On 9/24/68 at Metairie, Louisiana File # NO 173-994

by SA WILLIAM R. RUMPH/bnk Date dictated 9/25/68

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was carrying what appeared to PAILET to be some type of cardboard tube, such as those in which blueprints are carried. PAILET recalls several other people came out of the corridor immediately after the lone individual, and they appeared to have been pursuing him. The lone person and the following group ran to another section of the lobby, out of PAILET's sight, and it appeared that if the group were chasing the single individual, they caught up to him somewhere in the lobby.

PAILET described the lone individual as a dark complexioned white male who was not wearing a suit-and-tie type of attire. He recalls no other details of the individual as he only glimpsed at him for a short while. He remembers thinking that the lone individual must be some type of celebrity who was hurrying in order to avoid newsmen and autograph seekers. He does not recall a single thing more about the lone male he saw being pursued, and he did not recognize anything distinctive or familiar about him.

PAILET said that he learned of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY only seconds after it occurred as word of the incident spread rapidly by word of mouth among the bystanders in the hotel lobby. PAILET said that he does not specifically recall whether he observed the aforementioned individual being chased before or after he learned of Senator KENNEDY's being shot, but he thinks that the pursuit incident occurred before word came of the Senator's assault or otherwise he feels he would have paid much more attention to the person being pursued.

PAILET went on to say that after the shooting became generally known in the Ambassador Hotel, some television sets were set up in various small rooms off the lobby and he joined other bystanders in these rooms to watch the subsequent events on television. He said that he engaged in small talk and discussions of the Senator's shooting with others in the room,

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whose identities he does not know, until about 3:00 a.m., at which time he went upstairs to his room and went to bed. During these talks, he heard nothing mentioned of a conspiracy or any other pertinent reference to SIRHAN. B. SIRHAN.

PAILET said that the foregoing constitutes all he is able to furnish on this matter. He affirmed that he has never seen SIRHAN and he had heard no talk at all in the hotel regarding SIRHAN's presence in the Ambassador Hotel on the evening of June 4, 1968 or of any type of conspiracy that may have been in progress. He pointed out that at the time the Senator was shot, he had spent a very short time in the hotel, this being only up in his room earlier in the evening, and in the lobby later, and that he had never visited Los Angeles prior to June 4, 1968.

PAILET also said that he had not been previously interviewed by any law enforcement officer regarding this matter. He mentioned that there were just too many people in and around the Ambassador Hotel on the evening of June 4-5, 1968, for everyone to have been contacted.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 1, 1968

Mr. ALLEN PENROD was interviewed at his place of employment, General Electric Company, 41 Woodford Avenue, Plainville, Connecticut, where he is employed in the sales-marketing division. He stated he resides at 16 Ellen Drive, Farmington, Connecticut.

Mr. PENROD stated that during the evening of June 4, 1968, he attended a sales-customer meeting at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. He stated he retired to his room at approximately 11:00 PM on the third floor of the hotel. He stated that at approximately 12:30 AM on June 5, 1968, he heard a commotion and screaming in the hotel but just thought it had to do with election returns. He did not leave his room. It was not until early morning when he turned on his television set that he learned that Senator ROBERT KENNEDY had been shot.

He stated he does not know SIRHAN SIRHAN, has no information about a possible conspiracy, and if he saw SIRHAN in the hotel on the night of June 4, 1968, he is not aware of same, since he does not know him.

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On 9/25/68 at Plainville, Connecticut File # NH 62-2477

by SA WILLIAM H. BOOTH, JR./mmf Date dictated 9/25/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 3, 1968

Mr. Saul Pett, Reporter, Associated Press, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York stated that at the time of the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy, he was in Washington, D. C. After hearing of the assassination he flew to Los Angeles, California, arriving at approximately 11:00am on June 5, 1968. He registered at the Ambassador Hotel. In view of the fact that he was not in California at the time of the shooting, Pett had no information as to it.

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On 10/3/68 at New York, N. Y. (telephonically) NY 44-1640by SA Francis L. Cashin/fcDate dictated 10/3/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/2/681

EVELYN PLANAVSKY, 217 West 11th Avenue, Tarentum, Pa., was interviewed at her place of employment, Liberty Mirror, Third and Cherry Streets.

She and two companions, HENRIETTA STERLITZ and DELORES KNAPEK, were part of a tour booked with the Sprowles TWA Travel Agency, 521 Seventh Street, New Kensington, Pa. She and her companions, arrived in Los Angeles on June 2, 1968, and registered at the Ambassador Hotel.

When she learned that Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was also staying at that hotel, and was to speak later that day, she and her companions remained in the corridor leading from the Embassy Room to the lobby from approximately 6:00 p.m., until the shooting occurred.

She did not notice any suspicious activity in the hotel during this period, other than two teenage boys and one teenage girl who would pop balloons and then comment in bad taste that KENNEDY had been shot.

At approximately 12:15 a.m., on June 5, 1968, she heard several shots and heard someone comment that KENNEDY had been shot. A few minutes later she observed police officers take the assassin from the hotel. This was the only time she had seen that individual. After observing SIRHAN being taken from the hotel, she returned to her room.

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On 9/24/68 at Brackenridge, Pa. File # Pittsburgh 44-583
by SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS/cml Date dictated 9/30/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/6/681.

MARIE E. RATCLIFFE, 307 Veri Drive, wife of ROBERT W. RATCLIFFE, was interviewed and concurred with the information furnished by her husband. She was unable to furnish any additional information and did not recall seeing any suspicious individuals or activity during her stay at the hotel.

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11/1/68 Greentree, Pa.

Pittsburgh 44-583

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by SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS /djg Date dictated 11/5/68

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ROBERT W. RATCLIFFE, 307 Veri Drive, was interviewed and advised that he and his wife, MARIE, arrived at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, at approximately 4:30 PM on June 4, 1968. They were part of a Greyhound tour out of Chicago, Illinois.

He and his wife ate dinner in the hotel restaurant and at 8:30 PM went into the Embassy Room to await the election returns. At approximately 10:30 PM, he and his wife, tired from the day's travel, went to their room in the hotel annex and went to bed.

It was not until the following morning at breakfast that he and his wife learned that Senator ROBERT KENNEDY had been killed in the hotel.

He did not recall seeing any suspicious individuals or activity during the period of time he was in the hotel.

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On 11/1/68 at Greentree, Pa. File # Pittsburgh 44-583
by SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS /djg Date dictated 11/5/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date October 1, 1968

Mr. WILLIAM R. RAY was interviewed at his place of employment, General Electric Company, 41 Woodford Avenue, Plainville, Connecticut, where he is employed as a zone sales manager. He stated he resides at 180 Scovill Road, Avon, Connecticut.

Mr. RAY stated that during the evening of June 4, 1968, he attended a sales-customer meeting at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. He stated he had a room on the fourth floor of the hotel. He added he retired to his room at about midnight. He stated that shortly after arriving in his room he heard a commotion and a lot of shouting. He stated he thought it was the result of election returns. He stated he had a room on the back side of the hotel. He closed his window and went to bed. He added he did not know about the shooting of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY until about 6:30 AM on June 5, 1968, when he turned on his television set. He checked out of the hotel about 7:15 AM on June 5, 1968.

He stated he does not know SIRHAN SIRHAN, has no information about a possible conspiracy, and if he saw SIRHAN in the hotel on the night of June 4, 1968, he is not aware of same since he does not know him.

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On 9/25/68 at Plainville, Connecticut File # NH 62-2477

by SA WILLIAM H. BOOTH, JR./mmf Date dictated 9/25/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/3/68

Mrs. AMELIA REGAN, Administrator, Gladman Memorial Hospital, 5958 Colton Boulevard, Oakland, advised as follows:

On June 2, 1968, she and Mrs. KATHERINE VANCE, Assistant Administrator at this hospital, flew to Los Angeles where they had made reservations at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, in connection with a Western Hospital Administrators' Seminar. She said that they stayed at the Ambassador Hotel one night and, because of the poor rooms, she and Mrs. VANCE moved on Monday, June 3, 1968, across the street to the Sheraton-Wilshire Hotel.

She said that she was at this hotel on the early morning hours of June 5, 1968, when they received the news that Senator KENNEDY had been assassinated, and that she has no information concerning any conspiracy or the shooting of Senator KENNEDY. She said that she has not seen SIRHAN and would not know what he looks like.

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On 10/3/68 at Oakland, California File # LA 56-156
SF 62-5481
by TUVAL V. FARQUHAR / ER Date dictated 10/3/68

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Date 11/12/68

Mrs. FRANK ROBERTS, 28 Bruce Street, Pleasantville, New York, was interviewed, at which time she furnished the following information:

She stated that her husband died in January, 1968, and inasmuch as all her children were grown, she decided to take a trip to the West Coast. She said that she contacted Pleasant Travel, Incorporated (Inc.), Pleasantville, New York, in order to make arrangements for such a trip. She stated that she then arranged to join a Berry Tour, which was leaving from Chicago, on May 26, 1968. This was a 15 day tour by rail through the Western part of the United States and the West Coast.

Mrs. ROBERTS stated that she joined the tour in Chicago, on May 26, 1968. The first stop on the tour was at the Grand Canyon followed by visits to Yosemite National Park, California, and San Francisco, California. She stated that they left San Francisco by train, and arrived in Los Angeles, on June 3, 1968. She stated that they were billeted at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles. She advised that her hotel room was located in a cottage in the back of the main hotel and she was assigned Room 445. She stated that they arrived late in the afternoon or early evening, June 3, 1968, and as a result merely ate dinner and looked around the hotel prior to retiring.

On June 4, 1968, Mrs. ROBERTS stated that she, along with other members of the tour, traveled to Knotts - Berry Farm in the Los Angeles area. She stated that they had lunch at this Farm and did not return to the Ambassador Hotel until late in the afternoon of June 4, 1968. Mrs. ROBERTS advised that in the evening of June 4, 1968, she had a light supper, inasmuch as they had a great deal to eat at the Farm. She stated that she walked around the hotel lobby for a period of time and observed there were a lot of teenagers and young adults in that area. She stated that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was using the Ambassador Hotel as his Headquarters in connection with the primary election in California. She stated that she observed

On 10/31/68 at Pleasantville, New York File # NY 44-1640

by SA MARTIN F. MAHER/bas Date dictated 11/5/68

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the activities in the lobby until approximately 10:00 p.m., at which time she retired to her room and went to bed. She stated that she did not observe the activities going on at the hotel on television.

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He registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California at about 8:00 p.m. or 9:00 p.m., June 4, 1968. He was at the hotel to attend a Hospital Administrator's seminar sponsored by the American College of Hospital Administrators. Only after arrival in Los Angeles did he determine that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was at the hotel. After checking into his room, Mr. ROBINSON went to the lobby of the hotel and sat in a chair facing the corridor leading to the Embassy Room. The corridor and the lobby was very crowded with people. He sat in the lobby from shortly after his arrival until about 11:30 p.m., June 4, 1968, when he went to his room and went to bed. During the early morning hours, exact time not recalled, he was awakened by a number of persons apparently "running" television cable somewhere outside of his room and outside of the building. He attempted to call the desk, but was unable to get a response. The following morning, at about 8:00 a.m., Mr. ROBINSON walked out of the hotel and attempted to buy a newspaper. He could not locate any. He went back into the hotel and was stopped at the door by two policemen. They asked to see his room key, which he exhibited. He was then allowed to re-enter the hotel. In the hotel, he picked up a newspaper from a table in the coffee shop; only then did he determine that Senator KENNEDY had been shot.

During the aforementioned time, Mr. ROBINSON can recall seeing no one resembling the photographs that he has seen of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. He has never at any time met, or known SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. During the time that he was in the lobby, he noticed and heard nothing to indicate that Senator KENNEDY would later be shot.

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by SA DONALD H. MOE:cfp Date dictated 9/23/68

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Mr. ROBINSON knows nothing relative to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY from his own personal knowledge and his only knowledge has been gained through the various news media.

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Date October 10, 1968

Mrs. MAUREEN J. ROSS, 111 8th Street N.W., Washington, D.C., was telephonically contacted by her mother Mrs. MILDRED J. ERLEY, 1780 59th Avenue, Sacramento, California, and advised SA NORMAN P. LE CLAIR the following:

She is employed by the Head Start Division of the Office of Economic Opportunity, 200 C Street, Washington, D.C. She stated she was on the Campaign Committee of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and although she had planned to go to Los Angeles, California, for the evening of June 4, 1968 she decided not to go and remained at her mother's home in Sacramento. She was not aware the senator had been shot until told by her mother who had heard it on television. She never heard of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN prior to the shooting and has no knowledge of a conspiracy in the shooting.

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On 10/4/68 at Sacramento, California File # SC 62-76

by SA NORMAN P. LE CLAIR/sy Date dictated 10/7/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/15/68

KATHLEEN RYAN, a student at Immaculate Heart College, 2021 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, residence 1827 Garfield Place, Apartment 108, Los Angeles, advised the following:

Miss RYAN said that she had done local precinct work campaigning for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and was known as one of the Kennedy Girls as a result. She attended the Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY campaign party at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, on the evening of June 4, 1968. She spent a good part of the evening in the room on the first floor below the Embassy Room and left the hotel at approximately 11:45 p.m. on June 4, 1968, as she had to meet the curfew time at her school. She watched the aftermath of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY on television during the early morning of June 5, 1968.

Miss RYAN claimed that she had not been registered in the Ambassador Hotel as a guest at the time but had signed a list of Kennedy Girls, who were on duty at the hotel on June 4, 1968.

Photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and members of his family were exhibited to Miss RYAN, who said she had no recollection of having ever seen the persons pictured in the photograph at any time.

On 10/10/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

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by SA LESLIE F. WARREN/pjc Date dictated 10/10/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/15/68

Miss J. J. SAWICKI, Editor, St. Martin's Press, 175 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, advised that she was accompanied by Mr. IVAN SOUTHWALL on a trip in the San Francisco and Los Angeles, California areas just preceding and during the time of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's campaign in California. She identified SOUTHWALL as the author of a well-known group of children's books and stated that he was in the United States on a visit and that she was accompanying him in California for various lectures he made concerning his books. She stated SOUTHWALL is from Australia and gave the following address: Hills End, The Patch, Victoria 3792, Australia. She advised that while in California, she and SOUTHWALL were together during their entire tour.

Miss SAWICKI further stated that she and SOUTHWALL had a reservation at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles for the evening of June 4 - 5, 1968; however, on arrival, were turned away. She stated that they arrived in Los Angeles following the shooting of Senator KENNEDY and actually heard of the situation on their way from the airport to the hotel.

Miss SAWICKI was unable to furnish any pertinent information concerning the shooting of Senator KENNEDY or in connection with SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. At the time they arrived at the hotel about three hours following the shooting, everything was very quiet.

SOUTHWALL would not be able to furnish any pertinent information concerning the shooting of SIRHAN in that he was with her as above indicated.

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On 10/14/68 at New York, New York File # 44-1640
by SA JOHN BRADSHAW, Jr./jtg Date dictated 10/15/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/2/68

Mr. JOSEPH SCANLON of 27 Fir Avenue, Tiverton, Rhode Island, was contacted for interview at his office in the United States Customs Building, Providence, Rhode Island.

He advised that at the time of the assassination of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY he was with his wife in Room 24B at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. He stated that because of this he had no opportunity to observe anything that happened either directly, during, or after the assassination.

He said that the only item of interest that he could recall was that on the evening of June 2, 1968, a Sunday evening, a reception was held for Senator KENNEDY in the Coconut Grove Club. He said that many stars of the stage and screen and other celebrities were present and were entertaining. He said that he and a GENE DILLEA of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and a DONALD DOWD of Boston, Massachusetts, noted that a big stocky man about 6 feet 2 inches, 250 pounds, dark hair, large features kept trying to get behind the stage area. He was told several times to leave the area but would not, until finally he, SCANLON, and the other men told him to get out of there and pointed him out to other aides; and he was removed from the area. He said that he did not know of his identity and that this was the only incident he saw prior to the assassination at any time that caused any suspicion on his part.

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On 9/27/68 at Providence, Rhode Island File # Boston 44-646

by SA FRANCIS E. MURPHY/gb Date dictated 10/1/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/15/681

THELMA SCHAEFFER, home address, 2122 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Apartment 102, telephone number 223-0605, was interviewed at the place of her employment, American Automobile Association, 1712 G Street, N.W., telephone number ME 8-4000, advised:

She arrived in Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968, with FRANCES CALLAGHAN, a woman with whom she shares her apartment in Washington, D.C., for a vacation. The two of them occupied a room on the fourth floor of the Ambassador Hotel. She was aware of the KENNEDY Campaign being held in the hotel, and for awhile in the evening of June 4, 1968, both of the ladies sat in the lobby of the hotel just to see the crowd. She does not recall how long they sat in the lobby, but does recall that it was very crowded with people constantly coming in and going out of the lobby.

Late in the evening, but before midnight, they retired to their room, and shortly thereafter went to bed. Later Miss SCHAEFFER was awakened by the sound of sirens. She turned on her radio and at this time learned of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY. Neither she nor Miss CALLAGHAN left their room.

She viewed a photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. She was unable to associate the photograph with any event of the evening of June 4, 1968.

On 10/9/68 at Washington, D. C. File # WFO 173-135

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by SA HARVEY W. JAMES/hwj Date dictated 10/15/68

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JOSEPH SCHERR, 433 South Brookside Drive, furnished the following information:

He is employed by the Bulova Watch Company and in connection with this employment was in Los Angeles, California, on June 5, 1968 and registered in at the Ambassador Hotel in that city. He recalled he flew to Los Angeles for a sales meeting and arrived there via aircraft. He arrived in Los Angeles about 7:30 PM on June 3, 1968. He attended the sales meeting in Los Angeles on Monday and Tuesday, June 3 and 4, 1968. He recalled that the meeting closed at about 5:30 PM on June 4, 1968, at which time he and others employed by the Bulova Watch Company went into the Embassy Room of the hotel to see what was going on in the case of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY'S political activities. He recalled the other persons with him were MIKE ROMAN, a Bulova Watch employee, who can be located at 635 Fifth Avenue, New York City, New York; SIDNEY VINE, 11334 Park Central Place, Apartment D, Dallas, Texas; HERBERT SELIGMAN, 5915 Fondren Road, Apartment 202, Houston, Texas and MALCOLM MILLER, 1203 Pennsylvania, Northeast, Albuquerque, New Mexico. SCHERR said that he and the others named stayed in the Embassy Room until approximately 8:00 PM when they left and went to dinner. They dined at a place called Frank and Musso's, located somewhere on Vine Street.

SCHERR continued that after dinner all persons in his group returned to the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel to see what was happening in the Senator KENNEDY campaign. He estimated they arrived at the hotel at about 10:30 or 11:00 PM. He recalled that on this occasion, he "bumped into" ROOSEVELT GRIER, the well known football player, in the Embassy Room. He further recalled that a little after 11:00 PM, he had to go to the bathroom and left the Embassy Room of the hotel. Upon his return he found the front door locked and after making some inquiries of unknown persons he ascertained that he could regain entry into the Embassy Room by going through the kitchens in the back. He said in this manner he re-entered the Embassy Room where he remained until about midnight. He said since Senator KENNEDY had not shown up he decided to go to his room and get some sleep since he intended to leave Los Angeles the following day. SCHERR said as far as he can recall, SELIGMAN, VINE and MILLER were still in the Embassy Room when he left to go to his room. He recalled that when he arrived at his room in the hotel he found his roommate,

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On 9/23/68 at Wichita, Kansas File # KC 62-8651
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by SA JAMES F. MILLER:bjc Date dictated 9/24/68

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LOREN LICKEL, 7551 Steinway Road, Lincoln, Nebraska, was already there and asleep. SCHERR said he took a shower and went to bed. He did recall that while in the process of going to bed he heard some noises and took it for granted that Senator KENNEDY had arrived.

SCHERR said that approximately 6:00 AM, on June 5, 1968, he was awakened by his roommate, who informed him that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. He said this was the first information he had of the shooting and thought his roommate was kidding him until he watched some news on the television.

With regard to SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, SCHERR claimed he did not know him and did not recall seeing him in the Embassy Room or anywhere else in the hotel on the night Senator KENNEDY was shot.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 2, 1968

HUGHES SCHRODER, 2515 Habersham Road, Northwest, Atlanta, Georgia, was interviewed at his place of employment, the Lipscomb Ellis Company, 90 Fairlie Street, Atlanta, Georgia, and he furnished the following information:

SCHRODER advised that he and his wife attended a business convention at Los Angeles during the latter part of May, 1968. SCHRODER stated that he was a guest at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, while attending this convention and was registered at the Ambassador Hotel for the period of May 29 through June 1, 1968. SCHRODER stated he left Los Angeles on June 2, 1968, and arrived in Atlanta on the same date.

SCHRODER stated that he heard of the Robert Kennedy shooting on the morning of June 4, 1968, while shaving and preparing to leave for work from his home in Atlanta, Georgia.

SCHRODER advised that he was in Atlanta from June 2, through and including June 4, 1968, and had absolutely no information concerning the circumstances surrounding Senator Kennedy's assassination and was unaware of his alleged assassin's identity, SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, until after his identity was made known by the news media.

SCHRODER could offer no further information in this matter.

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On 10/1/68 at Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2412
Los Angeles 56-156
 by SA JAMES J. ROSE :bjc Date dictated 10/2/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/21/681

ARTHUR SCHWARTZ, Salesman, Bulova Watch, Inc., New York, New York, advised that he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968. He stated he left the hotel at approximately 1:15 pm for Chicago, Illinois on that day and he was in Chicago when Senator KENNEDY was killed. He could offer no information concerning the shooting or concerning STEPHAN B. SMITHAN.

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On 10/18/68 at New York, New York File # NY 44-1640by SA JOSEPH P. MAYER/tp Date dictated 10/21/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/17/681.

Mr. JAY SCHWARTZ, telephone number OX 5-7090, Capital Mercury Shirt, New York, New York, advised telephonically he was in Los Angeles on June 4, 1968, the day before ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot at 12:15 A.M. on June 5, 1968. Mr. SCHWARTZ stated that he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel and that he checked out at about 6 P.M. on June 4, 1968. He stated that he has no information concerning the assassination of ROBERT F. KENNEDY and that he saw no suspicious persons at the hotel while he was there.

Mr. SCHWARTZ stated that his trip was arranged through Travel Rite, Incorporated, New York, New York, telephone number MU 6-2582.

On 10/15/68 at Telephonically 270
New York, New York File # NY 44-1640
by SA HERBERT W. KILGORE/axb Date dictated 10/16/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/4/68

RICHARD SCHWARTZ, 530 Hillcrest Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey, Administrator of Information Programs, International Business Machines Corporation, Dayton, New Jersey, on September 25, 1968, advised he was at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, to observe IBM voting machinery in operation. Most of his time was spent at the IBM building near the Ambassador Hotel.

SCHWARTZ said after viewing a photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN that he observed nobody in the vicinity of the hotel resembling the photograph.

SCHWARTZ said he spent the evening of June 4, 1968, and most of the morning hours of June 5, 1968, at the IBM building located near the Ambassador Hotel.

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On 9/25/68 at Dayton, N.J.File # Newark 44-872by SA JOHN WALTER SADE/mbm10/1/68

by _____ Date dictated _____

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 23, 1968

MILTON SCOTT, Administrator, Novato General Hospital, advised on September 20, 1968, that he registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on Sunday, June 2, 1968, and was assigned a bungalow at the hotel and believes the bungalow had number 63B. He said he was in Los Angeles for the purpose of attending a seminar for Hospital Administrators.

SCOTT recalled that he was released from the seminar at approximately 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 1968. He said it is his recollection he had dinner shortly after being released from class in the hotel coffee shop. He said he went into the lobby of the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 8:00 p.m. only to observe the activities then going on in connection with the anticipated visit of Senator KENNEDY. He said he remained in the hotel and lobby area until about 10:30 p.m. when he left to return to his own bungalow so that he could better watch the activities going on in the hotel on his television set. He said he was watching on television at the time of the assassination.

Mr. SCOTT said he knows nothing concerning a possible conspiracy, does not know SIRHAN, and did not see SIRHAN at the hotel on the night of June 4, 1968.

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On 9/20/68 at NOVATO, CALIFORNIA File # SF 62-5481

by SA DALE F. NORTON:sif Date dictated 9/23/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 9/26/68

Mr. CLARK SEAGRAVES, Administrator, Santa Maria Hospital, Parkview Avenue, Santa Maria, California, advised that he went to Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968, to attend an assembly of the American College of Hospital Administrators which was to be held at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on June 5 and June 6, 1968. He stated that he checked into the Ambassador Hotel at about 3:30 p.m. on June 4, 1968, and that he had dinner at the hotel dining room on the first floor from about 7:00 p.m. until about 8:15 p.m. after which he sat in the lobby until about 9:30 p.m. when he went to his room and watched television until he retired for the night at about 11:45 p.m. He informed that he could not recall having seen anyone who resembled SIRHAN B. SIRHAN at the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4, 1968, and that he did not visit the Embassy Ballroom that evening. Further that he had no information whatsoever which might be of interest in connection with the shooting of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He stated that he checked out of the Ambassador Hotel and returned to Santa Maria, California, on the afternoon of June 6, 1968.

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On 9/24/68 at Santa Maria, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA WILLIAM B. NOLAN, JR./fpd Date dictated 9/25/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/22/68

HERBERT SELIGMANN, 5915 Fondren Road, Houston, Texas, advised that he is a salesman for the Bulova Watch Company, Houston, Texas. He stated that he was a guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California the night Senator KENNEDY was shot at that hotel. SELIGMANN said that he was in his room and knew nothing of the shooting until the following morning when he heard it on the radio while shaving. He said he was a guest on the third floor of the Ambassador Hotel and he recalled hearing sirens the previous night but since there was so much political activity in the Ambassador Hotel he considered it to be part of that activity and paid no further attention to it.

SELIGMANN advised that he could furnish no information concerning the shooting of Senator KENNEDY and that he has never seen the person accused of doing the shooting.

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On 10/16/68 at Houston, Texas File # HO 175-12
by SA F. WILLIAM WHATLEY, JR:sjm 10/18/68
Date dictated _____

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/7/68

ALBERT SHEPARD, Paulding Lane, Yorktown Heights, New York, advised that he is president of Albert Shepard Associates, also known as Motivation Dynamics, a market research company, which was assisting in the 1968 nominating campaign for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

Mr. SHEPARD and his wife, ESTHER SHEPARD, were in Los Angeles, California, in connection with the above campaign, and on June 4, 1968, attended a celebration at the Embassy Ballroom in honor of Senator KENNEDY. Mr. SHEPARD left the affair at about 11:00 p.m., June 4, 1968, to get a midnight flight to Chicago. It was while on the flight that he learned of the KENNEDY shooting. As a result, he could furnish no assistance in this matter.

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On 10/2/68 at Yorktown Heights, New York File # NY 44-1640

by SA ROBERT G. O'NEIL/lp Date dictated 10/2/68

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Mrs. ESTHER SHEPARD, Paulding Lane, Yorktown Heights, New York, advised that her husband, ALBERT SHEPARD, is president of Albert Shepard Associates, also known as Motivation Dynamics, located at Whitehill and Hunterbrook Roads, Yorktown Heights.

She said that she had accompanied her husband to Los Angeles, California, in connection with the campaign of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, and attended a celebration held in KENNEDY's honor at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4 - 5, 1968. She said that her husband left the affair around 11:00 p.m., June 4, 1968, to catch a midnight flight to Chicago. Shortly afterwards she left the affair to return to her hotel room to watch it on television. She was in her room at the time of the shooting at 12:15 a.m., June 5, 1968, and therefore could contribute no information in this matter.

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On 10/1/68 at Yorktown Heights, New York File # NY 44-1640

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 10, 1968

California State Senator ALAN SHORT, State Capitol, Sacramento, California, advised as follows:

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The evening of June 4, 1968, he and a group of friends went to dinner at Perino's on Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles and returned to the Hotel Ambassador. He does not recall the time he returned to the Hotel Ambassador but noted he departed the hotel at approximately 11 p.m. and proceeded to the International Airport where he boarded a chartered flight to return home. He first learned of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY from the pilot who heard a news broadcast of the incident over the radio in the airplane.

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On 10/1/68 at Sacramento, California File # SC 62-76

by SA NORMAN P. LE CLAIR/sy Date dictated 10/4/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date October 3, 1968

Miss MARY RITA SICILIANO, 50 Emerick Lane, Loudonville, New York, was interviewed at her place of employment, 449 South Pearl Street.

Miss SICILIANO advised that she and her girlfriends ARLENE BRADY and TERRY HAKER were vacationing in Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968, and were guests in Room 215 in the Ambassador Hotel of that city. She stated that between 7:00 and 7:30 PM on June 4, 1968, she, TERRY and ARLENE went up to Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY'S suite in this hotel and went inside PROVI PARADE'S room in this suite, which she recalled as being Room 520. She stated that TERRY, a hairdresser, had previously worked on the hair of Mrs. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, and went to Miss PARADE'S room to obtain payment for this work. She said TERRY also was to comb Mrs. KENNEDY'S hair at this time. She stated that after waiting about an hour, she and ARLENE left this room and went down to the lobby of the hotel. She stated that TERRY remained in this room and came down and joined them in the lobby about one hour later. She said the three of them remained in the lobby for a while longer and finally she went up to Room 215 between 11:30 and 11:45 PM to watch television. She said ARLENE and TERRY remained downstairs in the hotel. She said that she learned that Senator KENNEDY was shot about 12:15 AM, June 5, 1968, when it was announced on television. She said she was shocked at this news and had no idea at this time who had shot Senator KENNEDY. She stated she had no knowledge of any possible conspiracy in regard to this shooting. She stated she had never seen SIRHAN SIRHAN except on television.

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On 9/30/68 at Albany, New York File # AL 175-12

by SA EDWARD F. NASSIF /jmh Date dictated 10/2/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/28/681

FRANCES SIMONITIS, 6111 Gates Avenue, Ridgewood, Queens, New York, was contacted at her place of employment the Dimes Savings Bank located at 9 DeKalb Street, Brooklyn, New York, and furnished the following information:

She advised that on June 4, 5, 1968, she was a registered guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. She stated that on the evening of June 4, 1968, she left her hotel and went to see the play Camelot. She was accompanied by three of her girl friends, also staying at the Ambassador Hotel. These girls were ANN LOCKSHISS, ALICE KARALUS and RUTH CROWLEY. All of them returned to the hotel at approximately 12:10 a.m., on June 5, 1968, and went to their hotel room and turned on the television. She stated that all of the girls were in one room and at approximately 12:15 a.m., on June 5, 1968, a news bulletin was flashed over the television set stating that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot.

She stated that she could not furnish any information concerning a possible conspiracy in connection with this matter nor could she furnish any additional information.

On 10/25/68 at Brooklyn, New York File # NY 44-1640
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by SA PAUL M. CONRAD/mml Date dictated 10/25/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/21/681

LESTER SMITH, Announcer, WOR, New York, New York, advised he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968. He stated that on the night of June 4, 1968, he was working at the Hotel Pittmore and could offer no information concerning the shooting of Senator KENNEDY or any information concerning SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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On 10/18/68 at New York, New York File # NY 44-1640

by SA JOSEPH P. MAYER/co Date dictated 10/21/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/25/68

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Mr. FRANK L. SNELL, attorney and partner in the law firm of Snell and Wilmer, Security Building, advised that he had been registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California during the period June 3-6, 1968 for the purpose of attending a Hospital Administrators Convention. Mr. SNELL advised on the night of June 4, 1968 he had retired at approximately 10:00 p.m. and was not aware of the assault on Senator ROBERT KENNEDY until awakened in the early morning hours of June 5, 1968 by one of the other delegates to the Hospital Administrators Convention.

Mr. SNELL further advised that he does not know SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, does not recall seeing him about the Ambassador Hotel in the evening hours of June 4, 1968, and has no knowledge of any possible conspiracy in the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 11/21/68 at Phoenix, Arizona File # PX 175-19
LA 56-156

by SA COLIN M. DUNNIGAN/mcl Date dictated 11/25/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 2, 1968

Mr. F. A. SORENSEN, Administrator, Good Samaritan Hospital, 15825 Samaritan Drive, advised as follows:

He was registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles during the first week in June, 1968, in connection with a convention of hospital administrators. He arrived there on June 2, 1968, a Sunday, but returned to San Francisco on Monday evening, June 3, 1968, so he could vote the following day. He returned to Los Angeles in the late morning of June 5, 1968, which was after the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot. He was not in Los Angeles on June 4 or during the early morning hours of June 5.

He has no information concerning any conspiracy in connection with the murder of Senator KENNEDY. He is not acquainted with SIRHAN.

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On 10/1/68 at San Jose, California File # SF 62-5481

by SA GEORGE HARTLEY / jl Date dictated 10/1/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/3/68

Mr. J. SONOSKY, 815 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., furnished the following information:

SONOSKY advised that he formerly worked with ROBERT F. KENNEDY when Mr. KENNEDY was investigating the rackets and he became a close personal friend of KENNEDY's. SONOSKY stated, however, that he was in Los Angeles on June 4, 1968, on personal business and was not there as a part of the KENNEDY campaign in California.

SONOSKY stated that he was registered at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles and on the night of June 4, 1968, he recalls that he "wandered" around the Embassy Room at the Ambassador until approximately 7 P.M., when he went out to dinner. He said that he returned to his room at approximately 10:30 P.M. and watched the election returns on television for a time. He said that he did not go to the ballroom, where KENNEDY met his supporters, but went, instead, to a second ballroom below the ballroom where KENNEDY gave his victory speech.

SONOSKY stated that he was in this second ballroom when he received word that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. SONOSKY stated that he had been trained as an investigator when working for the Senate Rackets Committee and he attempted to assess the situation with a trained eye. He said he watched closely the reaction of people around him but, other than the hysterical behavior one would expect in such a situation, he saw nothing unusual. SONOSKY stated that he saw no behavior which would indicate that any other persons were involved, nor did he ever observe the assassin during the time that he moved about the hotel.

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On 9/27/68 at Washington, D.C. File # WFO 173-135

by SA LEM S. BUNICK :jcp9/30/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/2/68

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HENRIETTA STERLITZ, 1109 Brackenridge Road, was interviewed at her place of employment, Liberty Mirror, Third and Cherry Streets. She and two companions, DELORES KNAPEK and EVELYN PLANAVSKY, booked a tour with Sprowles TWA Travel Agency, 521 Seventh Street, New Kensington, Pa., and left Pittsburgh enroute to San Francisco and ultimately Los Angeles, California. They arrived in Los Angeles on Sunday afternoon, June 2, 1968, and registered at the Ambassador Hotel.

HENRIETTA ultimately learned that Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was also staying at that hotel and was to speak later that day. She and her companions remained in the corridor leading from the Embassy Room to the lobby, outside the rest room area, in order to see Senator KENNEDY and hear what he had to say. She advised that they remained in that corridor from approximately 6:00 p.m., on June 4, 1968, until 12:15 a.m., on June 5, 1968, when the shooting occurred.

While in the corridor, the only suspicious activity she observed involved two teenage boys and one teenage girl. They would occasionally pop balloons, which had been placed in the hotel for the victory rally and after the balloons were popped they would say, "What's all the excitement," and another would reply, "Kennedy's dead." They did this several times and, at the time, she felt that they were just horsing around even though it was in bad taste.

At approximately 12:15 a.m., she heard three or four shots. At the time, she thought that someone was popping more balloons until she heard an unknown individual say, "They shot Kennedy, Kennedy's dead." She did not believe it at first, but when she saw one of KENNEDY's group carried out of the hotel and heard all the crying and commotion, she was convinced.

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On 9/24/68 at Brackenridge, Pa. File # Pittsburgh 44-583
by SA WILLIAM LOGAN CURTIS/cml Date dictated 9/30/68

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She saw individuals that she believed to be officers from the Los Angeles Police Department take the assassin from the hotel. She had not seen him during the six or seven hours she had been standing in the corridor. After seeing SIRHAN taken from the hotel she returned to her room. She could furnish no further information concerning this matter.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/29/68

Mrs. PATRICIA ANN STEWART, 11711 Stonington Place, Silver Spring, Maryland, furnished the following information:

Mrs. STEWART is the wife of RICHARD H. STEWART, a reporter of the Boston Globe, and she was registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 4, 1968. Mrs. STEWART spent the evening and night in her hotel room watching the campaign activities on television. She was not circulating around the hotel downstairs around the time of the assassination. Mr. STEWART was at a television studio at Burbank, California, that night.

The only things that she noted which she would consider unusual was a party in an adjoining room which was very noisy, and which continued to be so even after the word of the assassination of Senator KENNEDY was publicized on radio and television. She also felt that it was unusual when a helicopter on the helicopter pad at the hotel left just after the ambulance left the hotel with, presumably, Senator KENNEDY, and the helicopter did not put its lights on until it reached an altitude over the building. While this struck her as unusual, she had no information which would connect the incident with the assassination of Senator KENNEDY.

She was in possession of no information which would indicate a possible conspiracy in the KENNEDY assassination, she did not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, nor did she ever recall seeing him about the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4, 1968.

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On 10/22/68 at Silver Spring, Md. File # BA 44-684

by SA PAUL M. VAN DRIESSCHE:mk Date dictated 10/23/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/26/68

Miss RUTH H. STIMSON, School of Public Health, 412 Earl Warren Hall, University of California, Berkeley, advised that on June 5, 1968 in the afternoon, she registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

She stated that she was attending a program of the American College of Hospital Administrators at that hotel and stayed only one night, June 5, 1968. She said that the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had occurred at midnight the day before she had arrived and she was not aware of any unusual activities and does not feel she has any pertinent information concerning that incident. She said that she departed for her residence in Berkeley, California, on the afternoon of June 6, 1968.

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On 9/23/68 at Berkeley, California File # SF 62-5481

by SA TUVAL V. FARQUHAR:jb Date dictated 9/23/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/27/681

EDWARD SULTAN, JR., 939 Kapiolani Boulevard, Honolulu, Hawaii, advised that he had been in Los Angeles on June 5, 1968 but that he had not been staying at the Ambassador Hotel. He said that he was a guest at the Century Plaza Hotel but had attended a sales meeting of the Bulova Watch Company at the Ambassador Hotel.

He said that although he had naturally heard of the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY he had not been present in the area of the assassination and could offer no information in this matter.

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On 9/23/68 at Honolulu, Hawaii File # HN 62-674
by SA JAMES D. JESSEE:ssi Date dictated 9/23/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/30/68

Mr. ROBERT A. SWANSON, Administrator, Seaside Hospital, 100 A Street, Crescent City, California, residence Route 1, Box 685 D furnished the following information:

During the week from June 2, 1968 to June 7, 1968 he was a resident at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, in company with his wife ANNE and fiveyear old son [REDACTED]. They were in Los Angeles so he could attend a convention of the Hospital Administrators Association that week.

Of course he was aware of the political campaign conducted by Senator ROBERT KENNEDY and Senator MC CARTHY in connection with the California primary but he was not in Los Angeles for that purpose and only took notice of their activities in passing. He and his wife had a room on the second floor of the hotel and observed Senator KENNEDY addressing a crowd in the plaza outside their window a day or so before the voting took place.

On June 4, 1968 he was in the ballroom sometime before 10 p.m. as he was interested in what was going to happen later in the evening when the results were known. However, he retired to his room and the family slept through until around 5 a.m. He awoke and turned on the TV set to see how the voting came out and was then made aware of the assassination.

During the balance of his stay in Los Angeles he noted the police security around the hotel and the gloomy atmosphere. They returned home on Friday.

He has no information on SIRHAN SIRHAN or the details of the assassination except that gained by reading and listening to the news media.

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by SA RICHARD G. MILLER:dp Date dictated 9/23/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/27/68

Miss ALICE N. SYKES, Administrative Assistant, Trust Department, Bank of America, 300 Montgomery Street, who resides at 275 Parker Avenue, Apartment 303, furnished the following information:

Miss SYKES worked on the staff of the KENNEDY for President Committee of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, for approximately ten days, up to and including June 4, 1968. She arrived in Los Angeles on May 24, 1968, at which time she registered at the Ambassador Hotel. She stayed at the Ambassador Hotel until the morning of June 5, 1968, when she checked out and then stayed with a friend, LESLIE GERWIN, 3031 Dannyhill, Van Nuys, California, until she returned to San Francisco on June 9, 1968.

During the night of June 4 - 5, 1968, SYKES was at the Ambassador Hotel and in and out of the various rooms where receptions were being held for the candidates involved in the primary elections on June 4, 1968. She was in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel standing to the right of the podium during the time that the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was making his victory speech just prior to midnight. When Senator KENNEDY left the podium and went out to the kitchen area behind the Embassy Room, SYKES was in the anteroom and recalls that just after Senator KENNEDY left the Embassy Room she heard some noises sounding like breaking glasses, but which she now thinks might have been the shots resulting in the death of Senator KENNEDY and injuries to other persons.

She was unable to see anything that happened from where she was and it was not until several minutes later that there was talk around the Embassy Room that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. About the same time, STEPHEN SMITH came into the Embassy Room, mounted the podium, and asked everyone to leave the Embassy Room. SYKES went out into the lobby and went to the reception room of one of the other candidates to watch the television in an effort to

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find out what had happened. It was while watching the television that she learned definitely that Senator KENNEDY had been shot in the kitchen area behind the Embassy Room.

Miss SYKES is not acquainted with SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and does not recall seeing anyone answering his description around the Ambassador Hotel. She has no reason to believe that any conspiracy existed in connection with the assassination of Senator KENNEDY.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/7/68

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ALAN TEGUNS, 5222 McArdle, Apt. #1, furnished the following information: He is employed as a sales representative for Bulova Watch Company. The company had a sales meeting at Los Angeles, California, in early June, 1968, and he flew to Los Angeles, registering at the Ambassador Hotel on or about June 2 or June 3, 1968. The hotel was headquarters for several political candidates and their staffs who were campaigning in a primary election which was held about that time.

On the evening of June 4, 1968, TEGUNS and some of his associates went to the hotel lobby about 8:00 or 9:00 p.m., to see some of the dignitaries, and there were many people in the hotel and a considerable amount of confusion. TEGUNS explained that the place he referred to as the lobby was the area in which the registration desk was located, and was on what he described as the mezzanine floor of the hotel.

After he and others of his associates had been in the lobby for several hours, he observed a number of persons coming from the area back of the registration desk, and they were upset and some of the women were crying and hysterical. The word spread that ROBERT KENNEDY had been shot, and there was much confusion and the crowd in the hotel lobby seemed to be stunned. He had heard no shots and had observed nothing out of the ordinary prior to the reported shooting. Immediately after the word spread regarding the shooting, virtually all of the beatniks and Negroes who had been in the hotel lobby, left the hotel. It was his impression that the police closed off the area. The next day, it was necessary for him and other persons registered at the hotel to obtain passes to leave and re-enter the hotel, because of the investigation that was being conducted.

The next day he saw in the local newspaper, photographs of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, who was reportedly being held for the shooting of KENNEDY. He had never seen this person before

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On 10/2/68 at Corpus Christi, Texas File # HO 175-12

by SA PENROD W. HARRIS:jrf Date dictated 10/2/68

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to the best of his knowledge.

TEGUNS remained at the hotel for a day or two after the shooting, and then checked out and left Los Angeles.

He knew nothing about any possible conspiracy with regard to the shooting, had not seen or had any knowledge of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, and had no information he regarded of any pertinence concerning this matter.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 2, 1968

Mrs. ARNOLD TERNQUIST, 97 Frederick Avenue, Atherton, advised as follows:

Her husband formerly was associated with the firm of Peat, Marwick, and Mitchell, Certified Public Accountants, San Francisco, but he recently retired. At the present time he is confined to the hospital and is not available for interview.

She and her husband were registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles on June 4 and 5, 1968. They had gone to Los Angeles to attend the graduation of their son. They were in and out of the hotel on several occasions on June 4, but retired to their room rather early that night. They were watching television when they heard that Senator KENNEDY had been shot.

They did not go to Senator KENNEDY's headquarters at the hotel while they were there. She does not recall seeing anyone resembling SIRHAN at the hotel while they were there, and she does not have any information concerning any conspiracy in connection with the murder of Senator KENNEDY.

She is not acquainted with SIRHAN.

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On 10/1/68 at Menlo Park, California File # SF 62-5481

by SA GEORGE HARTLEY / j1 Date dictated 10/1/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/8/68

JOHN D. THOMAS, Thomas Book and Stationery, 614 Broadway, residence Route 1, Westlake Carlos, Alexandria, Minnesota, advised that he was a guest at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, with his family from Saturday June 1, 1968, until he departed from Los Angeles on Monday morning June 3, 1968. When departing from Los Angeles on June 3, 1968, he had traveled to Santa Barbara, California.

THOMAS stated that he did not learn of the death of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY until the late morning of June 5, 1968, at Santa Barbara. He stated that he does not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, he did not see him at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, and he has no knowledge whatsoever concerning a possible conspiracy in the death of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 10/2/68 at Alexandria, Minnesota File # MP 56-64
by SA DOUGLAS H. SMITH/dja Date dictated 10/2/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/30/68

FLOYD E. THORNTON, Post Office Box 1073, Coalinga, California, was contacted at his residence, Monterey Avenue, Coalinga, California.

THORNTON advised that he was checked into the Ambassador Hotel, at Los Angeles, California, on the night of June 4, 1968, when the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot. He stated that after the shooting, he became aware of all of the excitement as did most of the guests, but he did not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, had no recollection of ever having seen him in the hotel on the night of June 4, 1968; and has no information whatsoever concerning a possible conspiracy.

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On 9/26/68 at Coalinga, California File# SC 62-76

by S. ROBERT J. MONTES/jlf Date dictated 9/29/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/10/681

DEAN S. TODARO, 500 River Road, Gladstone, Oregon, was interviewed at the residence of his parents Mr. and Mrs. HOWARD WILLIAMS, 602 North Riverside, Medford, Oregon. He advised that he resided at 800 Pracht, Ashland, Oregon, and was attending Southern Oregon College in June 1968.

TODARO further advised that he and JOHN GERVAIS, also a student at Southern Oregon College, joined the ROBERT KENNEDY Campaign group seven days before the primary in California. Because final examinations were being given at Southern Oregon College and because TODARO and GERVAIS had missed some finals and sacrificed much time when they should have been studying for finals, the two left the campaign group on June 3, 1968, and returned to Ashland, Oregon. TODARO said that someone in the KENNEDY group registered for the group and he was not aware that he had been registered at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on the night of June 4, 1968. TODARO advised that he knows nothing about SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and does not recall anyone who appeared to be similar to pictures of SIRHAN that he subsequently saw in papers.

On 9/28/68 at Medford, Oregon File # PD 62-2864

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by SA WILLIAM H. GRAY/day Date dictated 9/30/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/25/68

H. O. TRACY, Controller, Kaiser Engineers, 300 Lakeside Drive, Oakland, California, advised as follows:

He left Oakland, California, at 8:00 A.M., June 5, 1968, by commercial airline, and proceeded to Los Angeles, California, on a business trip. He arrived at Los Angeles about 9:00 A.M. and went to the Ambassador Hotel where he believes he arrived at about 9:30 A.M. or so. He spent one night at the Ambassador. He had originally been scheduled to arrive in Los Angeles on June 4, but the trip had been postponed to the 5th. He exhibited a receipt from the Ambassador Hotel for Room 615 for June 5, 1968.

Mr. TRACY stated that he first heard of the death of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY on the way to the airport in Oakland. He said that he had never heard of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN until his name was released by the news media.

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On 9/20/68 at Oakland, California File # LA 56-156
SF 62-5481

by W. HUGH NOTT / ER Date dictated 9/23/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/28/681

Mrs. RUDOLPH TRENKEL, 31306 Tuttle Drive, Bay Village, Ohio, advised that she and her husband were on a tour of the Los Angeles area during the time Senator KENNEDY was killed, and were staying at the Ambassador Hotel where the assassination took place.

During this visit, they spent all of their time sight-seeing. She stated that they would have breakfast at the hotel in the morning, spend the rest of the day sight-seeing, and return to the hotel in the evening.

On the night that Senator KENNEDY was killed, she and her husband returned to their hotel room early in the evening and went to bed about 11:00 p.m. on June 4, 1968, because they were very tired. They were not aware that Senator KENNEDY had been shot until her husband turned on the television the next morning and heard the news.

Mrs. TRENKEL said she and her husband did not participate in, or attend, the Victory Rally held by Senator KENNEDY on the night of June 4-5, 1968. She also stated that they did not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and saw no one who resembled him around the Ambassador Hotel.

Mrs. TRENKEL said she and her husband could furnish absolutely no information concerning the assassination or any information concerning the individual or individuals responsible for it.

On 10/24/68 at Cleveland, Ohio File # Cleveland 175-16

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by SA WILLIAM C. BELLINGER/clo Date dictated 10/28/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/31/681.

B.T. TUCKER, 60 Lionel Avenue, Waltham, Massachusetts, advised that he is employed by Arthur D. Little Corporation, Acorn Park, Cambridge, Massachusetts and that in early June, 1968, he traveled on business to the west coast. He stated he stayed at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California for two days, commencing the evening of June 6, 1968.

TUCKER advised that he arrived in Los Angeles after the shooting of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY and he was unaware of any of the details except for what he read in newspapers. No identification of the photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN was effected by TUCKER.

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On 10/28/68 at Cambridge, Massachusetts File # Boston 44-646

by SA JAMES E. HARVEY/nlc Date dictated 10/30/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/3/68

Mrs. KATHERINE VANCE, Assistant Administrator, Gladman Memorial Hospital, 5958 Colton Boulevard, Oakland, advised she had arrived in Los Angeles the night of June 2, 1968, with Mrs. AMELIA REGAN. They had stayed at the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 2, 1968, and had moved out on June 3, 1968, because of poor accommodations and had found accommodations at the hotel across the street, the Sheraton-Wilshire. She stated that they had attended a seminar of the Western Hospital Administrators at the Ambassador Hotel on Monday, June 3 and Tuesday, June 4, 1968. She said in the early morning hours of June 5, 1968, after the assassination of Senator KENNEDY, there had been a great deal of confusion and she had crossed the street attempting to gain entrance into the area where Senator KENNEDY had been shot. She was denied entrance by a policeman at the doorway of the Embassy Room and she did not observe anything in connection with the murder of Senator KENNEDY and was not acquainted with SIRHAN.

She further stated that she had returned to Oakland on June 5, 1968, and she had no further information concerning any conspiracy in connection with the murder of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 10/3/68 at Oakland, California File # LA 56-156
SF 62-5481

by TUVAL V. FARQUHAR / ER Date dictated 10/3/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/26/68

VINCENT L. VANDERVERT, Staff Coordinator, California Hospital Association, Suite 1011, 111 Pine Street, San Francisco, California, furnished the following information:

VANDERVERT went to Los Angeles, California on June 5, 1968 and actually checked into the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 5 pm on June 5, 1968. His purpose in going to Los Angeles was to attend the Practical Management Association Conference which was held on June 6, 1968.

VANDERVERT was not in the Ambassador Hotel the night that the late Senator KENNEDY was assassinated and did not arrive at the hotel until the late afternoon of the day following the assassination.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 9/30/68

Mr. SIDNEY VINE, 11334 Park Central Place, Apartment D, stated he was in the Embassy Ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, on the evening of June 4, 1968, prior to the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. VINE stated he remained in the Embassy Ballroom until about midnight at which time he returned to his hotel room to retire. He said upon arriving in his room at the hotel he watched Senator KENNEDY's acceptance speech on television and at the conclusion of his speech, he turned his television off and did not know Senator KENNEDY had been shot until the morning of June 5, 1968, when he arose. VINE said he and Mr. HERBERT SELIGMAN of Houston, Texas, were attending a Bubva Watch Company sales meeting being held in the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. VINE said he did not know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, that he had not seen him to his knowledge at any time prior to the shooting and he had heard no talk while he was in Los Angeles about a conspiracy in connection with the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 9/19/68 at Dallas, Texas File # Dallas 175-9
Los Angeles 56-156
by SA CHARLES T. BROWN, JR./sg1 Date dictated 9/25/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/25/681

Mrs. E. P. VREELAND, Librarian associated with Collier Mac Millan Library Services, 866 Third Avenue, New York City, advised that she arrived in Los Angeles, California, on June 2, 1968, and was there for a librarian conference which was being held at the Statler Hilton Hotel. She indicated while in Los Angeles for this conference that she resided at the Ambassador Hotel.

During the night of June 4, 1968, and June 5, 1968, she was in the audience at the Ambassador Hotel with two other librarians ED QUILL, connected with the Boston Globe and JAMES SCOFIELD, associated with the Times Publishing Company, St. Petersburg, Florida, to hear the victory speech of Senator KENNEDY.

Following his speech and departure from the Embassy Room, a loud commotion was heard from the kitchen area of the hotel. She recalls that several persons appearing to be in shock said something to the effect "he's been shot". On asking who was shot they remarked Senator KENNEDY. She stated that she and her associates were unable to gain entrance to the area of the shooting in that STEPHEN SMITH was asking everyone to leave the room and was calling for a doctor.

Mrs. VREELAND stated that she and her associates returned to their room. She never to her knowledge saw SIRHAN B. SIRHAN at any time while at the Ambassador Hotel. She was unable to furnish pertinent information. She further stated that she is positive that QUILL and SCOFIELD never saw SIRHAN since they were in her company.

On 10/15/68 at New York, New York File # NY 44-1640

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by SA JOHN BRADSHAW, JR./tp Date dictated 10/21/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 10, 19681

Mr. DAVID WAGNER, 6742 Hedgewood Drive, Sacramento, California, furnished the following information:

He believes he registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on June 3, 1968, and was there until June 5, 1968, in connection with a sales meeting of the Bulova Watch Company, New York, New York, by whom he is employed.

On the evening of June 4, 1968, he and several other persons went out to dinner and returned later in the evening, exact time he cannot recall. They wandered around the lobby and stopped by the Venetian Room, but found everything crowded. Because of this, he went to his room to watch television. He saw Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY address his campaign workers in the Embassy Room and saw him leave. At no time during the evening did he see SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN nor does he have any information concerning a possible conspiracy to kill the Senator.

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On 10/2/68 at Sacramento, California File # SC 62-76

by SA NORMAN P. LeCLAIR /sy/nme Date dictated 10/7/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/11/68

On October 3, 1968, DONALD L. WAHL, Administrative Assistant, Kern General Hospital, 1830 Flower Street, who resides at 3012 Jorie Avenue, both Bakersfield, California, advised that he had a room at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, from June 1, 1968, until noon on June 6, 1968.

Mr. WAHL stated that he had absolutely no information that could possibly reflect on the murder of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY on June 5, 1968, adding that to his knowledge he has never seen SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, and has no information concerning this individual.

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by SA CONRAD N. SHAW/jlf Date dictated 10/10/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 9/30/68

Mrs. BEN WALDMAN, 4840 Ellenburg Drive, advised she and Mr. WALDMAN were guests in the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles while Mr. WALDMAN was attending a Bulova Watch Company sales meeting. Mrs. WALDMAN said on the night Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot, she and Mr. WALDMAN had retired for the evening and they did not know Senator KENNEDY had been shot until they arose the next morning, June 5, 1968, when they learned about the shooting on television. Mrs. WALDMAN stated neither she nor Mr. WALDMAN knew, nor had they ever seen, SIRHAN B. SIRHAN prior to the shooting and they did not hear any conversation among hotel guests that a possible conspiracy might be involved in the shooting.

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On 9/19/68 at Dallas, Texas File # Dallas 175-9
Los Angeles 56-156
by SA CHARLES T. BROWN, JR./sgl Date dictated 9/25/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1.Date 10/14/68

Mrs. GEORGE L. WATSON, 63-31 Carlton Street, Rego Park, New York, was contacted and advised that on June 4, 1968, her husband, GEORGE and herself were registered guests at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. On June 5, 1968, her husband GEORGE was watching television in their hotel room and a news bulletin was flashed on the television screen which advised the listeners that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot. She stated that while her husband was watching the television program, she was also in her room at the same time when her husband was there and she was washing her hair in the bathroom.

She stated that she could not furnish any information concerning this matter nor could her husband furnish any information regarding the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 10/11/68 at Queens, New York File # NY 44-1640
by SA PAUL M. CONRAD/slg Date dictated 10/11/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 26, 1968

MERVYN WEIS, 134 Canal Street, advised he is the Sales Manager for the Bulova Watch Company and traveled to Los Angeles, California, arriving June 2, 1968, to conduct a regional sales meeting for the Bulova Watch Company.

WEIS said he checked in at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on Sunday, June 2, 1968, and was given a room located on the third floor in the hotel.

WEIS advised that during the evening of June 4, 1968, he and other salesmen were in the ballroom of the hotel observing the activity relating to Senator KENNEDY and were in the ballroom at the time Senator KENNEDY was shot. WEIS said that after KENNEDY's talk, he observed KENNEDY to start toward the kitchen in the hotel and that he (WEIS) started to leave the ballroom via the door on the opposite side of the ballroom from the kitchen. WEIS said he was probably at the door when he learned KENNEDY had been shot.

WEIS said he has no information that would indicate there was a conspiracy to assassinate KENNEDY, does not know SIRHAN and to the best of his knowledge, has never seen SIRHAN.

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On 9/26/68 at San Rafael, California File # SF 62-5481

by SA DALE E. NORTON /bj Date dictated 9/26/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/24/68

Mrs. ANNA L. WHITE, 939 Elk Street, Franklin, Pa., advised that she has relatives in the Los Angeles, Calif., area and stated that she desired to make a visit to that area during the latter part May or early June, 1968. She stated that she made inquiry concerning a Greyhound Bus tour which was leaving from Chicago, Ill., proceeding to Los Angeles, Calif., and returning to Chicago. She stated that she determined through this inquiry that the schedule of the bus tour would not be satisfactory to her and, therefore, she proceeded to Los Angeles ahead of the scheduled tour and made arrangements to return from Los Angeles to Chicago, Ill., with the tour. She stated that according to arrangements made by her, she was to join the tour on June 7, 1968, at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. WHITE advised that the tour arrived at the Ambassador Hotel on Tuesday afternoon, June 4, 1968; however, she stated that she was not with the tour at that time, and did not stay at the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4, 1968. She stated that she contacted the hotel on or about June 5, 1968, and made arrangements to stay at the hotel on the night of June 6, 1968, in order that she could join the tour on June 7, 1968.

Mrs. WHITE advised that she could not explain how her name got on the list of registered guests at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968; however, she stated that it is possible that her name was included on the list of the tour members and, therefore, would have been included on the register of the hotel guests.

Mrs. WHITE advised that the Greyhound tour was a 20-day tour leaving from Chicago, Ill., proceeding to California, and returning. She stated that she flew to California on May 24, 1968, and joined the tour on June 7, 1968, at the Ambassador Hotel for the return to Chicago. Mrs. WHITE advised that on the night of June 4, 1968, she was staying with relatives in Santa Ana, Calif.

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On 10/15/68 at Franklin, Pa. File # Pittsburgh 44-583

by SA FRANK H. GEIERMANN/emq Date dictated 10/18/68

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 7, 1968

Miss NANCY A. WIEBOLD, 940 Franklin Terrace, Apartment 304, advised that she formerly resided at 912 22nd Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Miss WIEBOLD advised that she is currently a student at the University of Minnesota. She advised that during the spring quarter she left the University of Minnesota to work in the political campaign of Senator EUGENE MC CARTHY first and then when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY announced his candidacy, she left the MC CARTHY group and joined the KENNEDY group.

Miss WIEBOLD stated that she was in Los Angeles at the Ambassador Hotel for approximately two weeks before Senator KENNEDY was shot. She stated that she worked for Senator KENNEDY's candidacy and her main duties were that of a stenographer.

Miss WIEBOLD stated that to the best of her recollection, the time of the shooting was when she was outside the Ambassador Hotel helping to organize a motorcade. She stated that she definitely did not hear the shot and the first time she realized that someone had been shot she saw a man helping another man into a car at which point he said something to the effect get him to the hospital quick. He has been shot. Sometime later she entered the hotel where she found out that Senator KENNEDY had also been shot.

Miss WIEBOLD stated that she has seen pictures of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and to the best of her knowledge she never saw him in or around the Ambassador Hotel during her entire stay at the hotel. She stated that the only time she saw him in person was when he was taken from the hotel by the police.

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On 9/25/68 at Minneapolis, Minnesota File# MP 56-63

by SA CARL S. LESTOR:lkp Date dictated 10/1/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 11, 1968

Mr. CHARLES A. WILL, Cologne Life Reinsurance Company, 900 Bedford Street, Stamford, Connecticut, advised that he checked into the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on the evening of June 3, 1968.

In the evening of June 4, 1968, at about 10:00 p.m., Mr. WILL left his room to go to the lobby of the Ambassador Hotel to watch the results of the primary returns. He stated that he stayed around the lobby for approximately 30 minutes, returned to his room, and went to bed. He advised he did not know of Senator KENNEDY's death until he heard it on the television in his room at approximately 7:30 the next morning.

Mr. WILL stated he has seen pictures of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN since he has been taken into custody and has no recollection of having seen him at the Ambassador Hotel while he stayed there.

Mr. WILL advised that he could offer no information whatsoever concerning the death of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 10/7/68 at Stamford, Connecticut File # NH 62-2477

by SA WILLIAM C. BRADSHAW:jbm Date dictated 10/10/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date October 17, 1968

Mr. W. A. WILLS of the Wilcoxon Buick-Cadillac Company, 902 North Santa Fe, Pueblo, Colorado, resident of 1607 Elizabeth, Pueblo, advised his wife Mrs. W. A. (JENNETTE) WILLS and their son, CHARLES, were registered at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California on the night Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was shot and killed.

Mr. WILLS stated his wife had told him that she was ill and in her room on one of the upper floors of the Ambassador Hotel prior to, during and subsequent to the assassination of Senator KENNEDY. Mr. WILLS continued his wife and son learned of the event through the press and TV coverage and through information which spread through the hotel as a result of the commotion which followed. Mr. WILLS stated his wife stated she did not leave her room nor did their son.

Mr. WILLS stated that his wife continues to be ill and to be extremely nervous and easily upset and in view of the above, he preferred she not be contacted unless absolutely necessary.

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On 10/3/68 at Pueblo, Colorado File # Denver 62-2416

by SA ALVIN D. HEWITT/sip Date dictated 10/10/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/27/68

JOHN M. WILSON, Assistant Administrator, Children's Hospital, 3700 California Street, furnished the following information:

WILSON went to Los Angeles, California on June 3, 1968, and checked into the Ambassador Hotel on that date in that city. He remained at the Ambassador until July 7, 1968, when he returned to San Francisco. He went to Los Angeles for the purpose of attending a seminar for hospital administrators which was held in Los Angeles from June 3 - 7, 1968.

On the night of June 4, 1968, he was in and about the main lobby of the Ambassador Hotel from about 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. He returned to his room and watched the primary election returns on television until early in the morning of June 5, 1968. It was while watching the television that he learned that the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot in the Ambassador Hotel.

WILSON is not acquainted with SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and does not recall seeing anyone answering SIRHAN's description around the Ambassador Hotel and has no reason to believe that any conspiracy was involved in the assassination of Senator KENNEDY.

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On 9/23/68 at San Francisco, California File # 62-5481

by SA ROBERT B. HERRINGTON/sag Date dictated 9/23/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/26/68

KIRK WILSON, Western Directors, 1330 Broadway, Suite 1048, Oakland, California, residence 6760 Thornhill Drive, Oakland, advised as follows:

He was at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, on the night of June 4-5, 1968, in connection with the Rafferty Campaign, which had its headquarters on the same floor as the headquarters for the campaign of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

At about 12:15 AM on June 5, 1968, he was walking through the lobby of the Ambassador Hotel headed toward the Rafferty Campaign room. He recalls hearing a commotion but could not relate it to anything until he walked into the Rafferty room and a short time later heard either a radio or television announcement that someone had been shot. He later learned it was Senator KENNEDY who had been shot.

He is not acquainted with SIRHAN SIRHAN and does not recall seeing SIRHAN, or anyone resembling him, around the hotel prior to the shooting. He has no information concerning a possible conspiracy in this matter.

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On 9/24/68 at Oakland, California File # SF 62-5481

by SA W. HUGH NOTT:jac Date dictated 9/24/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

10/21/68

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Mr. R. WINN, The Diebold Group, Management Consultants, 430 Park Avenue, New York, New York, telephone number PLaza 5-4000 advised telephonically that he was in Los Angeles, on June 4 and 5, 1968, and was registered at the Ambassador Hotel.

Mr. WINN stated that he checked in the Ambassador Hotel one hour before ROBERT KENNEDY was killed and he was in his room at the time of the incident. Mr. WINN stated that he saw photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN in the newspapers that he did not see him at the Ambassador Hotel and he saw no persons at the hotel when he checked in that would arouse anyone's suspicion. Mr. WINN stated that he could furnish no information concerning the murder of ROBERT KENNEDY.

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On 10/15/68 at New York, New York File # NY 44-1640

by SA HERBERT W. KILGOPE/mmh

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 12, 1968

Mrs. Eda Wollenberger, 25 Parade Place, Brooklyn, New York, telephone number BU 2-4830, stated that in June, 1968, she was on a fifteen day train tour of the West and arrived in Los Angeles, California from San Francisco on June 4, 1968.

She was in Los Angeles for three days and while there she was registered at the Ambassador Hotel. On the night of June 4, 1968 she visited friends and went sightseeing in Los Angeles. She returned to the Ambassador Hotel at approximately ten o'clock in the evening and went to her room in a cottage which is part of the hotel. A few hours later, while she was in her room, she heard much noise and then she turned on the television set. It was from the television set that she learned of the shooting. She did not leave her room until the next morning.

Mrs. Wollenberger stated that she did not see the shooting; that she did not see Sirhan Sirhan and knows nothing of him; and that she knows nothing of the shooting.

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On Nov. 12, 1968 at Brooklyn, N. Y. (telephonically) File # NY 44-1640

by SA Francis L. Cashin/fc

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/9/68

Mrs. NORMAN (SYLVIA) YERETSKY, 430 North Adams Street, advised she was registered in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, with her two sisters, on June 4 and 5, 1968. She stated she and her sisters were in their room during the evening and morning hours of June 4 and 5, 1968, room number unrecalled. She stated they were not aware of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY until the morning of June 5, 1968, when her husband called her about it. She noted she had heard sirens in the vicinity of the hotel, however, did not pay any attention to them.

YERETSKY stated she observed photographs of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN in the Los Angeles papers, however, could not recall having seen this individual in the hotel. She stated she is not acquainted with SIRHAN and has no information concerning any conspiracy surrounding the death of Senator KENNEDY.

YERETSKY stated her two sisters' names and addresses are as follows:

CHARLOTTE CHERRY
729 Sheridan Road
Evanston, Illinois

PHYLLIS MYERS
Wingate Road
Sunnyvale, California

After learning of the death of Senator KENNEDY, they discussed the incident among themselves and neither of her sisters mentioned anything about seeing SIRHAN in the hotel, nor did they have any information relative to the Senator's death.

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On 10/4/68 at Hinsdale, Illinois File # CG 89-61

by SA DAVID R. STRUCK:kmb

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BACKGROUND CONCERNING
SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 10/28/68

MILLARD SHEETS, President, Millard Sheets Design, Incorporated, 655 East Foothill Boulevard, was interviewed and advised that he is a self-employed artist and designer and a retired professor. He advised as follows:

He owned a horse which he kept at the Granja Vista Ranch near Norco, California, and one Sunday morning late in September, 1966, he was at the ranch. SIRHAN SIRHAN and several stable boys were there for the purpose of running some horses and he had seen SIRHAN there two or three months previously working as an exercise boy but they had little if any conversation. SIRHAN was courteous, spoke good English, and appeared to be an ambitious young man and he knew him then only as SAUL.

On this particular Sunday morning it was very foggy and he decided not to run his horse but several other persons wanted to and SIRHAN and several other boys began running their horses. As they disappeared into the fog on the track they were gone hardly five to eight seconds when he heard the horses squealing and there was a crashing sound and someone screamed. He said he ran down the track to a distance of about 3/16 mile and he found SIRHAN lying in the dirt against a post on the railing. He was lying very quietly and appeared to be unconscious. He still had his helmet on and he moaned. At first he saw some blood in SIRHAN's ear and suspected an internal injury, however, he later saw that the blood came from facial cuts and was merely running into his ear. Within the space of about two minutes SIRHAN was conscious and appeared frightened because he could not see due to the mud and blood in his eyes. He was bewildered and frightened thinking that he was blind. He was clawing at his face and Mr. SHEETS advised that he held his hands down and comforted the boy holding his head in his lap while they were waiting for an ambulance. He also removed the boy's helmet and held him for a period believed to be about 15 to 30 minutes.

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SIRHAN soon calmed down and made no particular statements nor complaints about his condition but appeared to be generally stunned.

He said that he returned to this ranch the second day after the accident and was surprised to see SIRHAN back at his job. He was surprised that his face showed very little injury from the accident and SIRHAN walked over and thanked him for his kindness in helping him after the accident. SIRHAN made no statement about his physical condition except to say that he was sore.

Mr. SHEETS said he understood that SIRHAN had also worked the ranch the previous day which was the day immediately after the accident, although his duties were restricted to walking the horses and he was not riding.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/8/68

LARRY PETERS, Foreman, R. L. Wheeler Stables, Santa Anita Race Track, was interviewed and supplied the following information:

PETERS advised that his records indicate that SIRHAN SIRHAN came to his stables seeking employment and was hired as an exercise boy on November 16, 1967. His records further indicated that this employment was terminated on November 30, 1967.

PETERS said that he recalled SIRHAN due to the fact that he appeared to have a superiority complex and "seemed to be in a fog most of the time." He stated that SIRHAN seemed to be a well mannered individual most of the time, but that he had this air of superiority about him which made communication with him rather difficult.

PETERS further advised that when he decided to hire SIRHAN as an exercise boy, he gave him easy horses to ride in order to determine his abilities. SIRHAN was paid \$2.00 per horse and the records indicate that SIRHAN rode 66 head of horses for the Wheeler Stables during his time of employment.

PETERS further advised that he recalled an incident about November 25 or 26, 1967, wherein SIRHAN was riding a horse on the track and was thrown from the saddle. SIRHAN landed on his feet but was brushed by another passing horse and was spun to the turf. PETERS related that several exercise boys ran to aid SIRHAN but that he was only shaken up and did not require any immediate medical attention. PETERS stated that he thought SIRHAN went to a doctor later in the day but that the doctor also indicated that SIRHAN was only shaken up and did not require any further medical attention. PETERS said that SIRHAN came to work the next day apparently suffering no ill effects from the accident from the day before.

PETERS advised that when it was determined that SIRHAN was not working out as an exercise boy, his employment was terminated on November 30, 1967. He said that he was reasonably

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sure that SIRHAN obtained other employment around the race track but he could not recall who the employing firm might be.

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Date 10/8/68

RALPH WEST, Trainer, Desi Arnez Stables, Santa Anita Race Track, was interviewed and provided the following information:

WEST advised that he did not know SIRHAN SIRHAN and to the best of his knowledge, he felt reasonably sure that SIRHAN had never been employed by the Desi Arnez Stables. WEST stated that he had heard that SIRHAN SIRHAN had worked as an exercise boy with some stable around the track, but he did not know which stable it was. WEST stated that he could provide no information regarding SIRHAN SIRHAN or his activities.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 9/12/68

ALVIN CLARK, 280 Claremont, Pasadena, California, telephone number 794-7619, is employed by the city of Pasadena as refuse and rubbish collector.

CLARK collects in the Howard Street area of Pasadena. In 1967 to 1968, and in this connection, CLARK met with SIRHAN SIRHAN whose home was included on this route. CLARK was single at that time and the truck usually took its noontime break at Howard Street. The other two men remained at the truck. SIRHAN began talking to CLARK at first occasionally, and then more regularly. He would sometimes bring him drinks of lemonade or food and they would sit near by the truck and talk. They talked about matters of topical interest, usually events that had taken place in the news.

Sometime after the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING, SIRHAN told CLARK, who is a black man, that he hated all the white people in this country and said he wished he could "Do something real bad that would hurt them all." At this particular time, SIRHAN noticing that CLARK was wearing a KENNEDY political button on his cap and a KENNEDY sticker on the truck, commented to CLARK about it, and CLARK said he was going to vote for Senator KENNEDY for president. SIRHAN allegedly said "What are you voting for that son of a bitch for?" CLARK said he liked him and felt that Senator KENNEDY was the only man who sincerely intended to help the black people of this country. At this, SIRHAN turned away in disgust and said "Well, I don't agree. I am planning on shooting the son of a bitch." CLARK said he did not take SIRHAN seriously and took the remark only as a mark of strong disfavor and exaggeration.

Now later in 1967, CLARK said he had conversation with SIRHAN about hunting and about firearms. During one such conversation, CLARK said SIRHAN asked him where he might

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buy or obtain a weapon higher in caliber than his .22 pistol. CLARK said he could offer no suggestions. CLARK did not associate SIRHAN's interest in weapons with his remarks about intending to shoot Senator KENNEDY as significant, since the two conversations were months apart and SIRHAN talked of many things, and was prone to exaggeration.

CLARK said he would be willing to testify, but he would not want to "take the oath" because he hated SIRHAN so much that he would do anything to see him convicted. In the light of this comment, CLARK was asked if his reported statements of SIRHAN's threat against Senator KENNEDY were true. He said it was true and would testify to this effect if called upon.

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING ALLEGED
STATEMENT BY JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA
MEMORIAL DAY, 1967, THAT HE HAD A
CONTRACT OUT ON SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY

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Information was previously reported that about Memorial Day, 1967, while confined in the U. S. Penitentiary; Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA was alleged to have made a statement that he had a contract out on Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, and if he, KENNEDY, ever got in the primaries or ever got elected, the contract would be fulfilled within six months.

Results of interviews of JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA and other inmates at the U. S. Penitentiary at Lewisburg have previously been reported.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/7/681

EDWARD GRADY PARTIN, Business Agent, Teamsters Local Number 5, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, advised that he had absolutely no information whatsoever concerning the assassination of ROBERT KENNEDY. The only information which he ever had which involved an assassination plot against KENNEDY was that which he had supplied to the Department of Justice in 1962 and which was the subject of an article in the Life magazine several years ago. He does not believe that there is any connection with the information previously furnished, which, to reiterate involved comments made by JAMES HOFFA to get "BOBBY" KENNEDY, and with the actual assassination of KENNEDY.

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TROY H. GIST ERP/jpb Date dictated 10/3/68

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING PHOTOGRAPH
TAKEN OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY AND
OTHERS BEFORE KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION WHICH
MAY INCLUDE SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

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On July 31, 1968, HUGH J. MC DONALD, Assistant Press Secretary, Office of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, furnished a photograph taken by STEVE SCHAPIRO, Free Lance Photographer, in May 1968, at the Los Angeles International Airport. This photograph shows KENNEDY shaking hands with an unidentified individual while another person, who resembles SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, is standing beside KENNEDY with his hand outstretched to shake hands with KENNEDY. WILLIAM BARRY of the KENNEDY staff appears on the other side of KENNEDY in the photograph.

The following investigation was conducted to determine if the individual in the photograph is SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN:

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/9/68

Mrs. ESTELYN DUFFY LA HIVE, also known as Mrs. Joseph A. La Hive, 4055 Tujunga Avenue, Apartment 305, Studio City, California, telephone 985-4681, furnished the following information:

Mrs. LA HIVE, who, with her husband, had been active in the Democratic Club in Van Nuys, California, of which her husband was President, was shown an 8" by 10" photograph depicting Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY; an aide, WILLIAM BARRY; and two youths. This picture was furnished to the FBI on August 5, 1968, by HUGH J. MC DONALD, former Assistant Press Secretary of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. It was reportedly taken in late March, 1968 by STEVE SCHAPIRO, a New York photographer, at the Los Angeles International Airport when Senator KENNEDY was returning from one of his campaign tours.

Mrs. LA HIVE said that she did not recognize the two youths in the photograph as anyone she had ever seen. She suggested that Mrs. EMMA WELLER, 4825 Willowcrest Avenue, North Hollywood, California, who had been in charge of the San Fernando Valley main headquarters of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's campaign for President. Mrs. WELLER was familiar with many persons supporting Senator KENNEDY in that area.

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Date 10/8/68

Mr. JOSEPH A. LA HIVE, 4055 Tujunga Avenue, Studio City, California, Apartment 305, telephone 985-4681, advised the following:

Mr. LA HIVE, who does sales promotion work for the Jim Beam Liquor Distributing Company of Chicago, Illinois, and whose local business address is in care of Taylor Food Products, 1910 East Imperial Highway, El Segundo, California, telephone 772-4308, said that he was also President of the Democratic Club in Van Nuys, California.

A copy of an 8" by 10" photograph showing Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, his aide, WILLIAM BARRY, and two youths, taken during late March of 1968 at the Los Angeles International Airport by Photographer STEVE SCHAPIRO of New York, was exhibited to Mr. LA HIVE. This photograph had been furnished to the FBI by HUGH J. MC DONALD, former Assistant Press Secretary to Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, on August 5, 1968.

Mr. LA HIVE said that he did not recognize either of the two youths in question, nor did he have any recollection of the youths in the photograph and could furnish no information which might lead him to identifying them.

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Date 10/9/68

Mrs. EMMA WELLER, also known as Mrs. Gerald Weller, 4825 Willowcrest Avenue, North Hollywood, California, advised the following:

Mrs. WELLER said that during the recent campaign of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY for President, she had been in charge of the San Fernando Valley headquarters of the Senator's campaign at 12444 Victory Boulevard in Van Nuys, California, and was familiar with a number of people who had frequented the campaign headquarters for Senator KENNEDY in this area.

An 8" by 10" photograph, showing Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY; an aide, WILLIAM BARRY; and two youths, furnished to the FBI by HUGH J. MC DONALD, former Assistant Press Secretary to Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, on August 5th 1968 was shown to her. It was reportedly taken during late March of 1968 by STEVE SCHAPIRO, a New York photographer, at the Los Angeles International Airport at the time of Senator KENNEDY's return from one of his campaign tours in California.

Mrs. WELLER said that she cannot identify the two youths in the photograph and had no recollection of ever having seen the youths' pictured in the past.

Mrs. WELLER said that she had attended the Senator ROBERT KENNEDY campaign party at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, on the evening of June 4, 1968, and the morning of June 5, 1968. At the time of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY, she had been standing in the Embassy Room near the bandstand and had not been a witness to the shooting.

Mrs. WELLER said that after the shooting, she had seen some uniformed police officers escorting a young man from the kitchen area through the Embassy Room to the outside who she thought was possibly the suspect SIRHAN SIRHAN. She based this opinion on newspaper and television photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN she later observed.

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Photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN and members of his family were exhibited to Mrs. WELLER. She said she had no recollection of seeing any of the individuals in the photographs with the possible exception of SIRHAN SIRHAN, which closely resembled the individual she mentioned above, who was being removed from the kitchen area of the Ambassador Hotel through the Embassy Room shortly after the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING
ALLEGATION THAT SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN
ATTENDED HEARING OF U.S. SEANTE SUB-COMMITTEE
IN EARLY JANUARY 1968, WHERE SENATOR
ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAD APPEARED

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Mrs. ROBERT L. RAWLINSON, 32597 116th Street East, Littlerock, California, advised on August 13, 1968, that during the first part of January, 1968, she had attended a U. S. Senate Subcommittee hearing on Indian Education, held at San Francisco, California, which meeting was attended by the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. During the course of the meeting, Mrs. RAWLINSON and Mrs. STELLA LEACH had their picture taken in the company of the Senator. Mrs. RAWLINSON made the picture available and indicated that the individual who is peering between Mrs. LEACH and Senator KENNEDY appeared to resemble SIRHAN SIRHAN.

On August 28, 1968, Mrs. RAWLINSON advised that she had met BILL BAER, former director of the Indian Center at San Francisco, who indicated that SIRHAN had been present at the above referred to meeting.

Following is investigation in this matter.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/24/68

Mrs. STELLA R. LEACH, 1277 Third Avenue, San Francisco, California, was interviewed in the office of Dr. DAVID J. TEPPER, 1920 East 14th Street, Oakland, California, where she is employed as an office nurse. She furnished the following information:

Mrs. LEACH attended a hearing of the United States Senate Sub-Committee on Indian Education which was held at the American Indian Center, 3053 16th Street, San Francisco, on January 5, 1968. The late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was present during this hearing.

Mrs. LEACH was shown a group photograph taken at this hearing which included among others Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, Mrs. ROBERT L. RAWLINSON, and Mrs. LEACH. In this photograph, between Mrs. LEACH and Senator KENNEDY there appears a portion of the face of an unknown individual. Mrs. LEACH after studying this photograph advised that the unknown individual is not familiar to her and she has no idea who this person might be.

Mrs. LEACH was also shown three pictures of SIRHAN and stated she was unable to say whether the unknown individual mentioned above could be identical with SIRHAN. She also stated that she has no recollection of anyone attending the hearing who could have been identical with SIRHAN; however, she pointed out that approximately six hundred people were present at the hearing of which about 550 were American Indians. She did not see all of the persons who were present and therefore it is possible that SIRHAN could have attended without her having seen him.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/4/68

Mrs. MARIAN BEAUCHAMP, 1723 Bayo Vista, furnished the following information:

Mrs. BEAUCHAMP attended a U. S. Senate Sub-Committee hearing at the American Indian Center (AIC) in San Francisco, California, which was held on January 5, 1968. The late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was present at this hearing.

A group picture which was taken at the hearing showed Senator KENNEDY and Mrs. STELLA R. LEACH. Between Senator KENNEDY and Mrs. LEACH appears a portion of the face of another individual. Mrs. BEAUCHAMP, who has been active in Indian affairs in the San Francisco area for about ten years and is well acquainted with American Indians in this area, was shown this picture and advised that she was unable to identify this individual. She pointed out that there were several hundred Indians who attended the hearing, including many Indians from all over the state of California.

Mrs. BEAUCHAMP was also shown a picture of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and advised that she does not recall seeing anyone at the hearing who might have been identical with SIRHAN.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/4/68

Mrs. DELORES SMITH, 679 Athens Street, who is employed as a Claims Examiner by the Social Security Administration, 1235 Mission Street, San Francisco, furnished the following information:

Mrs. SMITH, who has been active in American Indian affairs in the San Francisco Bay Area for about ten years, attended a hearing held by a U. S. Senate Sub-Committee at the American Indian Center (AIC) in San Francisco on January 5, 1968. She recalls that practically all of the persons in attendance at this hearing were American Indians and that a number of them came from outside the San Francisco Bay Area.

She was shown a group photograph taken at the hearing which included the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and a Mrs. STELLA R. LEACH. On this picture between Senator KENNEDY and Mrs. LEACH appears the portion of a face of an unidentified individual. Mrs. SMITH advised she does not recognize this person and pointed out that even if she knew the person, she probably would not be able to recognize the individual without being able to see more of the face.

A picture of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN was shown to Mrs. SMITH and she advised that she does not recall seeing SIRHAN or anyone who looked like him at the hearing.

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PATRICK MC KAY, 919 Minnesota, who is employed as a janitor at the American Indian Center (AIC) on 16th Street in San Francisco, furnished the following information:

MC KAY has been in San Francisco and employed at the AIC for the past five years and is fairly well acquainted with the American Indians who are active in Indian affairs in the San Francisco area.

He attended a hearing of the U. S. Senate Sub-Committee on January 5, 1968 at the AIC. He pointed out that practically all of the persons in attendance at this meeting were American Indians and that many of them came from parts of California outside the San Francisco Bay Area and were not known to him.

MC KAY was shown a group picture taken at the hearing, which included the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and Mrs. STELLA R. LEACH. In this picture, between Senator KENNEDY and Mrs. LEACH appears the portion of the face of an unknown individual. MC KAY advised that he cannot say whether he knows this individual as there isn't enough of his face showing for him to be able to recognize the person.

A picture of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN was shown to MC KAY and he remarked that he had seen pictures of SIRHAN in the newspapers and on television following the shooting of Senator KENNEDY in Los Angeles, California. He went on to say that he does not recall seeing anyone at the hearing who might have been identical with SIRHAN.

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Date 10/4/68

Mrs. IRENE BROWN, 324 Barlett Street, who is employed as an Inquiry Clerk in the U. S. Post Office, San Francisco, and who is the Treasurer of the American Indian Center (AIC) in San Francisco, furnished the following information:

Mrs. BROWN has been active in Indian affairs and the AIC in San Francisco since 1957 and is well acquainted with most of the Indians in the San Francisco Bay Area.

She recalls that a hearing by the U. S. Senate Sub-Committee was held at the AIC in San Francisco in January 1968 but she did not attend this hearing.

Mrs. BROWN was shown a group photograph taken at the hearing which included the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and a Mrs. STELLA R. LEACH. There appears on this photograph between Senator KENNEDY and Mrs. LEACH, a portion of the face of an unidentified individual. Mrs. BROWN stated that she is unable to identify this individual and pointed out that his appearance is similar to most male Indians. She feels that it would not be possible to identify this individual unless a picture showing more of his face is available.

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Date 10/4/68

HAROLD REDBIRD, Executive Secretary, American Indian Center (AIC), 3053 16th Street, furnished the following information:

He recalls that a U. S. Senate Sub-Committee hearing was held at the AIC in January 1968; however, he did not personally attend the hearing.

REDBIRD has been active in Indian affairs in the San Francisco area for about six years and through his position as executive secretary of the AIC is fairly well acquainted with the Indians in the area. He was shown a group picture which included the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and a Mrs. STELLA R. LEACH. Between Senator KENNEDY and Mrs. LEACH there appears a portion of the face of an unidentified individual. REDBIRD advised that he is unable to identify this person and because of the similarities in facial characteristics among Indians, it would not be possible to identify the person without being able to see more of the face than appears in the picture.

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Date 10/21/68

WILLIAM H. BEAR, was located at the residence of one SHARON GIDICAN, 608-South 220th, Des Moines, Washington.

WILLIAM H. BEAR advised that at the present time he is not employed and does not have a permanent address but it is his intention to take up residence with his brother JOHN BEAR at 614-South 220th.

Mr. WILLIAM BEAR affirmed that he had formerly been the director of the Indian Center at San Francisco.

Mr. BEAR viewed the colored photograph showing Senator ROBERT KENNEDY standing between Mrs. STELLA LEACH, Mrs. MARION RAWLINSON, and Mrs. MARION BEAUCHAMP, plus other persons in the background, including a partial photograph of a face of a male person peering from the rear between Mrs. LEACH and Senator KENNEDY.

Mr. BEAR said he had viewed this particular photograph before, including a blowup of this same photograph and he said he cannot identify the male individual whose face was partially photographed, peering between Mrs. LEACH and Senator Kennedy.

Mr. BEAR said further that he definitely has never told any person that SIRHAN SIRHAN has been present at the meeting where this photograph was taken.

Mr. BEAR also said that SIRHAN SIRHAN is unknown to him, and he has no knowledge that SIRHAN was present at a United States Senate Subcommittee Hearing on Indian Education held at San Francisco in or about January 1968, when the aforementioned group photograph was taken.

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On 10/15/68 at Des Moines, Washington File # SE 89-62

by SA VERNON P. COYNE and
SA ROBERT ROSS REYNOLDS/VPC:ms Date dictated 10/15/68

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Date 10/2/68

FALLAH BEN-JABR, 4211 West First Street, Los Angeles (388-8704), was re-contacted at this location and furnished the following information:

BEN-JABR was shown photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, as well as ADEL SIRHAN, SHARIF SIRHAN, SAIDALLAH SIRHAN, and MUNIR SIRHAN, all brothers of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. After viewing these photographs, BEN-JABR advised that he feels certain that none of the individuals depicted in the photographs resembles the individual he observed driving a 1959 white Chevrolet between approximately 11:00 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. on June 4, 1968, in the parking lot at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles. BEN-JABR noted that besides the driver three other individuals occupied this vehicle, one in the front passenger seat, and the other two in the rear seat. Although BEN-JABR did not closely observe these latter three individuals and could not describe them other than to say that the one in the front seat was wearing a short sleeve shirt he does not recall these three individuals resembling the individuals depicted in the above photographs.

BEN-JABR indicated that he recognized the above photograph of ADEL SIRHAN as being identical to an individual who performed as a musician at the "Fez," a nightclub located at Sunset and Vermont, Hollywood, California, in 1965 and/or 1966. BEN-JABR was not acquainted with ADEL SIRHAN and has never spoken with this individual. Although he has previously observed photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, to the best of his knowledge, he has never observed in person this individual or SHARIF SIRHAN, SAIDALLAH SIRHAN, or MUNIR SIRHAN.

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by SA RICHARD J. RAYSA/eb Date dictated 9/26/68

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9/18/68

Date

Congressman PHILLIP BURTON was contacted at the New House Office Building at which time he stated that he was in San Francisco, California on the evening of June 4, 1968, and was at the California Hall located at 625 Polk Street where he introduced TED KENNEDY as a speaker before a large gathering in this hall.

Mr. BURTON said that there were two television sets in front of the stage and these sets were tuned in to the events which were taking place in Los Angeles, California, in connection with Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's political campaign. He said that TED KENNEDY finished his talk shortly before midnight and left the hall.

Mr. BURTON said that at about 12:15 a.m. on June 5, 1968, while still on the stage of the California Hall he heard what sounded to him like four or five small firecrackers or some kind of shots going off and thought possible that the noise was coming from inside the California Hall. He said that he realized shortly afterwards that the noises were coming from the television sets which he previously mentioned. He said that four or five minutes later he was approached by a radio announcer whose name he could not recall at present and this individual told him that Senator ROBERT KENNEDY had been shot. Mr. BURTON said that he remembers remarking to this person, "My God, that's not a very good rumor to spread". He said that he did not believe this information at the time and furthermore did not want to bring himself to the realization that Senator KENNEDY had actually been shot.

Mr. BURTON said that seven or eight minutes after the shooting, he was confronted by several reporters asking him about the shooting but he told them that he had no comments for them. He said that he shortly thereafter drove to the Fairmont Hotel where he saw DAVID FUIKE, TED KENNEDY's right-hand man and asked FUIKE if he had heard the news about Senator KENNEDY.

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by SA SIMPLY H. ROCHE:acd

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BURTON stated that after he realized that the Senator must have been shot, he contacted the Hamilton Air Force Base and also the California Highway Patrol in order to try to arrange for transportation as rapidly as possible for individuals to the Los Angeles area.

Mr. BURTON said that he had no knowledge of anyone by the name of SIRHAN nor had anyone mentioned to him previously that they had ever heard of or seen this individual being in the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles prior to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

Congressman BURTON is described as follows:

Name:	PHILLIP BURTON
Date of birth:	June 1, 1926
	At Cincinnati, Ohio
Height:	6 feet 2½ inches
Weight:	220 pounds
Build:	Large
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Washington, D.C. Residence:	332 Constitution Avenue, N.E.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/25/681

RICHARD DAUGHERTY, Reporter, "Los Angeles Times", Eastern Editorial Bureau, 866 United Nations Plaza, New York City, advised that he was with the KENNEDY campaign in Los Angeles up to approximately one week prior to the assassination. He stated several days prior to Senator KENNEDY's shooting that he left the Los Angeles group and was covering KENNEDY's campaign in Portland, Oregon. He was unable to furnish any first hand information concerning SIRHAN B. SIRHAN or the assassination.

DAUGHERTY stated that a "Los Angeles Times" reporter DARYL LEMBKE, assigned to the San Francisco Office of the "Times" at 905 Mission Street, San Francisco, was assigned to cover Senator KENNEDY and was with him at the time of the shooting. He feels that LEMBKE has already been interviewed in this connection.

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1Date 11/12/68

JOHN DIGMAN, 1600 North Bronson Avenue, Los Angeles, California, Apartment 11, employed as a Sound Technician, ABC-TV News, 4151 Prospect Avenue, Los Angeles, California, residence phone No. HO 5-2274, advised the following when phoned for an appointment.

Mr. DIGMAN at the time of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was not on duty at the Ambassador Hotel, but was at home. He was called out later for duty during news coverage at the Central Receiving Hospital. Consequently, he had no personal knowledge of the events surrounding the shooting nor did he have any information considered pertinent in this matter.

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1Date 10/22/68

Mr. GRANT HOLCOMB, Manager, News Division of Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) owned KNXT-Channel 2, 6121 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, advised the following with respect to a request to interview three employees of the KNXT News Department:

Mr. HOLCOMB was advised that the employees had reportedly been present at the Ambassador Hotel on the morning of June 5, 1968, at the time Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot. The purpose was to ascertain if the employees might be potential witnesses to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY. The employees were ELIZABETH HERMAN, Junior News Writer; JOE DYER, former Reporter, now in the Community Relations Department; and JIM BROWN, News Reporter. It was mentioned that JOE DYER had already been contacted and had mentioned a new policy in effect with respect to government investigators interviewing CBS personnel.

Mr. HOLCOMB said in substance that the new policy required that if, in the opinion of the Legal Department of CBS, the CBS employee should be made available for interview by government investigators, the latter would have to secure and serve a subpoena on the employee before the employee could be interviewed.

Mr. HOLCOMB said the decision for adapting this policy had originated in the CBS headquarters in New York City, and he did not know the full details on which the policy was formulated.

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Date October 2, 1968

SP4 DOUGLAS KIN MEW, ASN US [REDACTED], 320 South Michigan Avenue, Pasadena, California, was interviewed at Hunter Army Airfield, at which time he furnished the following information:

He is currently assigned to the Attack Helicopter Maintenance Company, Hunter Army Airfield.

Even though he worked around his father's restaurant, Sang's Inn, up until about 1965, he does not have any recollection of meeting SIRHAN SIRHAN. SIRHAN SIRHAN may have been in his father's restaurant and he may have talked to him, but if such was the case, he did not know who the individual was and has no recollection of anyone being in the restaurant who resembled the pictures of SIRHAN SIRHAN which have appeared in the newspapers.

From 1965 until he entered the military service in May, 1967, he went to college and worked part-time at both Drake's Chicken Pie Shop and Clay Chevrolet Agency in Pasadena, California.

A friend, FRANK GAYLORD, formerly of Pasadena, California, whose whereabouts he does not now know, told him at one time that he, GAYLORD, had been interviewed by the FBI concerning SIRHAN SIRHAN, since he had at one time worked "just down the street" from where SIRHAN SIRHAN worked.

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by SA CHARLES H. SHELDON CHS/elh Date dictated 10/2/68

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ANNE BROOKS	2139 Buchanan San Francisco
FRANK C. BROWN, III	Del Webb Townhouse San Francisco
KENNETH E. BROWN	2827 Pine Street San Francisco
DOROTHY C. CODY	92 Crystal Springs Road San Mateo

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MARGARET ANN CRISPIEN	2843 Webster, Apartment 303 San Francisco
VIVIAN J. CURTIS	1437 Revere Avenue San Francisco
LAWRENCE J. DORSEY	1521 - 8th Avenue San Francisco
PAMELA J. GARRETT	1030 Post, #505 San Francisco
THOMAS R. HELLER	2201 Baker Street San Francisco
ALICE J. JOHNSON	1795 Hunt Drive Burlingame
BRUCE H. KENNEDY	1527 Funston Avenue San Francisco
LOIS A. JONES	1226 Sanchez San Francisco
LOIS E. MONTGOMERY	1923 Bay View Belmont
GLENN A. MOORE	403 Filbert San Francisco
JILLIAN D. ROGERS	258 Page Street San Francisco
CARTER SHIRED	690 West Mac Arthur Boulevard Oakland
RICHARD JOHN SMART	2323 Divisadero San Francisco
PAUL STEVEN SUMMERS	6225 Elderberry Drive Oakland

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AMY F. TALISMAN	469 Dellbrook Avenue San Francisco
WILLIAM G. THOMAS	21A Alta Street San Francisco
MARY E. UMHOFFER	26 Nantucket Avenue San Francisco

All of the above addresses are in the state of California.

According to KING, the above individuals were all working to get out the voters in the San Francisco Bay Area on June 4, 1968, and were attending a victory party held in the California Hall in San Francisco on the night of June 4, 1968. He feels certain that none of these individuals were in Los Angeles, California on the night of June 4, 1968.

He could offer no specific explanations why the names of these individuals appeared as registered guests at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on June 4, 1968. He pointed out that it is a common practice during political campaigns to use the names of campaign employees or workers to pre-register for rooms in hotels. This is usually done to avoid having to wait in line to register and to obtain rooms for persons connected with campaign, who would most likely be bothered by members of the press or others if they were registered in rooms under their own names. He also pointed out that if it is important to know who used the names of those persons listed above, in registering rooms at the Ambassador Hotel, this could be determined by ascertaining who paid for the rooms, as in all probability the same person or organization paid for all the rooms involved.

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On October 14, 1968, MIKE MOON, 909 Mountain View Terrace, Alhambra, California, advised that from March 1967 to August 1967, he took music lessons in the use of the Oud instrument from ADEL SIRHAN, brother of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN.

NOON stated that he took his instrument lessons in the SIRHAN home and on several occasions he saw SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. He stated that he seldom spoke with SIRHAN SIRHAN and most of the SIRHAN family stayed away from the portion of the house in which the lesson was being given. NOON stated that his conversations with SIRHAN SIRHAN were usually restricted to a mutual "hello" upon his arrival for a lesson with ADEL SIRHAN.

NOON stated that he did not know SIRHAN SIRHAN well, and he described SIRHAN SIRHAN as a person who kept to himself and was quiet most of the time. NOON stated that on a few occasions SIRHAN SIRHAN voiced his opinion that the Government in the United States made the rich people richer and the poor people poorer. NOON further stated that SIRHAN SIRHAN appeared to possess an intense pride in his Arab heritage.

NOON stated that he never heard SIRHAN SIRHAN mention violence and he was very shocked to learn of SIRHAN's arrest for the shooting of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. NOON stated that he cannot help but believe that SIRHAN SIRHAN was suffering from some type of mental disorder at the time of the shooting.

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Date 11/8/68

On November 7, 1968, SHARIF BISHARA SIRHAN was contacted at his residence, 1659 North Lake Avenue, Pasadena, California. Also present at this time was his brother, SAIDALLAH B. SIRHAN, who shares a flat with him at this address and Mr. ANTHONY SHERMAN, JR., a representative of the United States Secret Service Agency, Los Angeles branch.

SIRHAN was advised by SA POWELL that the inquiry related to the authorship of a two-page written document addressed to President Elect RICHARD NIXON and Vice President HUBERT HUMPHREY, bearing the signature SHARIF B. SIRHAN. Mr. SIRHAN was then orally advised of his rights by SAs POWELL and REILLY. He was asked by SA REILLY to read an Advice of Rights Form. Mr. SIRHAN interrupted this to say, "Before I say anything, I want to see the letter." A copy of the above mentioned letter was given to him to read. He read it slowly, line by line, his hands visibly shaking, although he showed no other signs of emotion.

Mr. SIRHAN then said, "I did not write this. It is not mine." He then indicated he was certainly in agreement with some of the political statements contained in the letter and had himself expressed some of these ideas, but he would not specify which of these points he was referring to. He stated he also disagreed with some of the points in the letter.

Mr. SIRHAN said he had no knowledge as to who the author of the letter could be. He said he did not dictate the letter to anyone or cause it to be written in his name. He denied that the signature at the end of the letter was his and added that the signature appearing on the letter was not a good copy or facsimile of his own. In this connection, he said he sometimes signs himself SHARIF B. SIRHAN, sometimes SHARIF SIRHAN.

Mr. SIRHAN declined to furnish a signed statement attesting that the letter and signature were not his. He refused to furnish any samples of his signature, stating,

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"You have my signature and you have your experts. See to it yourself!"

Mr. SIRHAN said he did not have a typewriter in the flat, but added there was a typewriter in his mother's home in the room formerly occupied by his brother, SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. He said he did not know what kind of a typewriter this was, and described it by dimensions as being a standard size typewriter. He indicated that he did not use it.

Mr. SIRHAN said he does not know about any such organization in the United States as "the Palestine Commandos" but was certain there were many of this type in his homeland.

Mr. SIRHAN said the lines drawn at the bottom of page two of the letter beneath his signature have no significance to him as Arabic or other type of symbol and could not comment on them.

Mr. SIRHAN said, "No" to the question of whether he had any reason to believe the letter in question could have been written by another member of his family or anyone of his acquaintance.

Mr. SIRHAN turned to the contents of the letter and said the thoughts expressed in the letter could be the thoughts of a majority of persons living in the United States. He then with some emotion bitterly described the manner in which he had been treated since the assassination of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. He spoke of people "staring at him everywhere he went", of people coming to his home and asking him questions. He said "They say my brother killed him. Why do they have to come to me with all their questions. I didn't kill him." At this point Mr. SIRHAN was reminded of the purpose of the interview and the reasons therefor, but he appeared upset and said he had nothing to add on this matter and the interview was terminated.

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Date 9/19/68

Mr. ERNEST VALLERO, Job Dispatcher, Southern California Waiters Alliance, Local 17, American Federation of Labor (AFL) - Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO), 321 South Bixel Street, Los Angeles, California, telephone HU 2-9800, advised as follows:

Approximately two to three weeks prior to the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY at the Ambassador Hotel on June 5, 1968, a man personally appeared at Local 17 and asked Mr. VALLERO for a placement as a waiter at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. This man very closely resembled photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN, which Mr. VALLERO had observed on television and in the newspapers following SIRHAN SIRHAN being charged with the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

Mr. VALLERO recalled that the person in question was very insistent and became rather "nasty" in his speech when informed by Mr. VALLERO that there were no openings for waiters at the Ambassador Hotel at the time. He also recalled that the man in question presented a small blue book which was entitled "Passport" and noted that it was an Israel passport. Mr. VALLERO did not recall the name on the passport or the name used by the man in question and no record was made of the call of this man to the office. Mr. VALLERO said that the man appeared to be possibly of Arabian or Jewish descent and had a slight accent and had claimed to have been in the United States for about one year.

Mr. VALLERO said that he had thought about the incident following the identity of SIRHAN SIRHAN as the accused killer of Senator KENNEDY and had related the same story to the Police Department in Los Angeles and to some reporters in the news media.

Photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN and members of his family were exhibited to Mr. VALLERO. The latter said that he more firmly believed that the person described above, who had been

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seeking a job at the Ambassador Hotel, was SIRHAN SIRHAN but he had no further means of confirming this belief. He alone had interviewed the man in question who had just walked into Local 17 at the time.

Mr. VALLERO said that none of the photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN's family appeared familiar with any individuals that he had encountered.

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Date 11/6/68

Miss CAMILLE A. WHITE, State of California Banking Department, 107 South Broadway, advised that she attended John Muir High School in Pasadena, California from 1960 through 1963.

She said that she did not personally know SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, although she learned through recent publicity that he had attended the same school. She advised that she does not know of any other former students or persons who may have been acquainted with SIRHAN.

She advised that she may have remarked to some of her current fellow employees and associates that she had gone to school with SIRHAN, and an inference may have been made that she had known him, however this is not true.

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by SAA ALFRED C. GREINER /g Date dictated 11/6/68

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Date 9/19/68

NICHOLAS H. ZUMAS, 2803 Olive Street, N. W., Attorney at Law, Suite 702, 1225 19th Street, N. W., office phone 223-4455, advised that on the date that ROBERT KENNEDY was assassinated, he was employed in the campaign for Senator KENNEDY in the capacity of co-ordinator of citizens groups.

He said that he had returned to Washington, D. C., several days before the assassination of Senator KENNEDY, and that therefore he had no first-hand information concerning the occurrences and happenings that surrounded the assassination.

He added that he had no additional information of pertinence, either of a hearsay nature or otherwise, which might help in the investigation. He advised that he has seen many pictures of the assassin, SIRHAN, and he has thought back on this individual, but cannot recall having ever seen this person before.

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by SA WALTER E. THOMAS:tab Date dictated 9/19/68

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1Date 10/17/68

PAUL SCHAAP was contacted at San Bernardino, California, and he advised that he considers himself to have been a close personal friend of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. He stated that he never met ROBERT KENNEDY, but that he often corresponded with him when he, KENNEDY, was Attorney General. He stated that this correspondence consisted of inquiries made by himself concerning the possibility of ROBERT KENNEDY obtaining a "secret" position for him with the United States Government.

SCHAAP further advised that he has been grieving greatly since ROBERT KENNEDY was assassinated. He stated he had no information whatsoever concerning the assassination, but felt definitely that "the Communists did it".

SCHAAP stated that he has no information concerning "the Communists" that he feels were responsible for the assassination of ROBERT KENNEDY, but feels in his heart that they must have been responsible.

SCHAAP stated he had no further information to offer regarding this matter.

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by SA CARL G. MURANO, JR. and
SA LEWIS W. KOLDEWEY/CGM/cyn Date dictated 10/17/68

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The Jackson, Mississippi Office of the FBI advised as follows on October 21, 1968:

On October 10, 1968, a young female telephonically contacted the Jackson Office of the FBI and identified herself as Miss [REDACTED], white female, age 17. She refused to give her home address or telephone number but stated the nature of her call was to furnish the FBI with important information concerning the assassination of ROBERT F. KENNEDY. Miss DUBLE related a very rambling episode of how she met an individual in California whom she had cause to believe was involved in the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. She stated she has had knowledge of this since May 1968, but declined to report this information due to threatening phone calls and letters warning her to keep anything she might know to herself.

She stated she is a resident of Alabama but did not wish to be contacted at home due to her father's condition, as she is afraid that any upsetting incident might cause him to have another stroke. She did state, however, that she could be reached at telephone number 762-9920, a pay phone in Pascagoula, Mississippi, any time between 9:00 and 11:00 p.m. any night.

During this call she stated that she was upset over something that had happened just prior to the call and she seemed out of breath.

Attempts were made to recontact her on the night of October 11 and 13, 1968, with negative results.

On October 14, 1968, investigation revealed that telephone number 762-9920 is located in an outdoor telephone booth on the premises of Larry's Standard Service Station located at Market Street and Highway U. S. 90 in Pascagoula. The proprietor of this station advised that the name [REDACTED] is unknown to him and that he closes at 8:00 p.m.

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Inquiry among people who live in the immediate vicinity of this telephone revealed that this is a Negro community and the name [REDACTED] is not known there. A review of Pascagoula City Directory and telephone directory revealed no listing for anyone named [REDACTED].

G. R. THOMPSON, Identification Officer, Pascagoula, Mississippi Police Department, advised on October 14, 1968, that he has no record of anyone named [REDACTED].

On October 16, 1968, this individual again called the Jackson Office and was connected with an agent in Biloxi, Mississippi. She stated she had called to say that she wanted to drop the matter and did not want to meet with an agent. She persistently declined to further identify herself or to agree to meet the agent. She finally did agree to call him again after she had spoken to her father. Throughout the conversation with her, her conversation appeared to be rambling and disconnected.

On October 19, 1968, she telephonically contacted an agent of the FBI at Biloxi, Mississippi, and at that time agreed to meet him in the lobby of the LaFont Inn, a motel on Highway U. S. 90 in Pascagoula at 9:00 on the evening of October 20, 1968. She again refused to further identify herself except to say that she is tall, has white blonde hair and a mole on her face.

On the evening of October 20, 1968, an agent of the FBI remained in the vicinity of the lobby of the LaFont Inn from 9:00 p.m., until after 10:00 p.m., but Miss [REDACTED] did not appear.

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On September 10, 1968, Detective Sergeant MIKE NIELSEN, Los Angeles Police Department, SUS Unit, made available a copy of a Los Angeles Police Department Property Report, dated August 30, 1968. The report reflects items of evidence numbers 147 to 151, consisting of boxes containing miscellaneous shellcasings together with a description of the origin of these casings.

This report is as follows:

Los Angeles Police Department
PROPERTY REPORT

RESIDENCE ADDRESS
Co. Jail
RESIDENCE ADDRESS
Deceased
RESIDENCE ADDRESS

FBI
copy

CHECK ONE
TYPE ONLY

☒ Evidence ☐ Found Evidence ☐ Found Property ☐ Safekeeping

DR 68-521 466

150 N. Los Angeles St. Rm 314
8-28-68 10am SUS SUS

PERSON PROPERTY BOOKED TO (Last-first-middle)
1. Sirhan, Sirhan
ARRESTEE'S NAME
2. " "
VICTIM OR OWNER'S NAME
3. Kennedy, Robert F.
PERSON REPORTING TO POLICE DEPT. (Last, First, Middle)
4. Sgt. M.J. McGann

RES. PHONE
BUS. PHONE
CHARGE
187PC
RES. PHONE
BUS. PHONE
Deceased
RES. PHONE
BUS. PHONE
MA45211 2531

Evidence: BOOK TO ARRESTEE. IF NONE, BOOK TO VICTIM.
Found Evidence: BOOK TO OFFICER IF NO ARRESTEE OR VICTIM.
Found Property: BOOK TO ACTUAL FINDER.
Safekeeping: BOOK TO DEPOSITOR, OWNER OR PERSON IN LAWFUL POSSESSION.

DATE & TIME PROPERTY TAKEN INTO POLICE CUSTODY - LOCATION - CITY OR REPORTING DIST.
7-15-68 150am 1340 W 6th St LA

TYPE OF PREMISES
FBI Bldg
TYPE OF PROPERTY
Misc shell casings
DIV. RPTG.
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DIV. OR CITY & DATE CRIME OCCURRED
Rampart 6-4-68
LIST ANY CONNECTING REPORTS BY TYPE & DR.
Crime-arrest-property

IS THIS STOLEN PROPERTY?
☐ YES ☒ NO ☐ UNKNOWN
PROBABLE CRIME
187PC
Prints - Photo - S.I.D. - Other
☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

Separate reports are required for each different classification of property)

IF STOLEN IN CITY OF LOS ANGELES EACH CASE MUST BE COVERED BY CRIME AND FOLLOW-UP REPORTS. (2) DESCRIBE CIRCUMSTANCES RESULTING IN BOOKING OF THIS PROPERTY. (3) GIVE ADDRESS, TIME AND/OR PHONE NUMBER WHERE CONCERNED PERSON(S) MAY BE CONTACTED BY DAY INVESTIGATORS IF NOT LISTED, OR OTHER THAN ABOVE. (4) ITEMIZE AND DESCRIBE ALL PROPERTY. GIVE ALL SERIAL NUMBERS AND OTHER MARKS OF IDENTIFICATION. LIST ONLY ONE ARTICLE ON A LINE.

ITEM NO.	QUANTITY	SERIAL NUMBER(S) AND ENGRAVING
47	1	Box containing misc shell casings #2
48	1	" " " " " #3
49	1	" " " " " #4
50	1	" " " " " #5
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Casings in box marked #2 retrieved from trash barrel and from the rear of position #1. Found by agent Geroge Kling #7096, FBI.

Casings in Box marked #3 retrieved from in front of firing points #12-13-14 & 15. Found by agent Robert H. Morneau Jr. #6836 and agent Irvin B. Wells III #1191 FBI.

Casings in box marked #4 retrieved from in front of and vicinity of firing points #1, 2, & 3. Found by agent Robert H. Morneau Jr #6836 and agent Irvin B. Wells III #1191 FBI.

Casings in box marked #5 retrieved from in front of and vicinity of firing points #20 and 23. Found by agent Robert H. Morneau Jr #6836 and agent Irvin B Wells III #1191 FBI.

Casings in box marked #6 found at various positions pistol range.

All of these items were picked up at the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club, 4001 Fish Canyon Rd on 6-10-68 by the above described agents from FBI.

For analyzed evidence reports, continuity of shell casing from the time they were picked up by FBI until released to LAPD, &

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A photo copy of a two page handwritten letter, dated June 11, 1968, bearing a Serbo-Croatian language was forwarded to the FBI Laboratory. The original of this letter was forwarded to the FBI, Washington, D.C., by the United States Secret Service, under date of August 9, 1968. This letter was postmarked Paris, France, and addressed to Senator EDWARD KENNEDY.

Through appropriate sources, a photo copy of a two page letter bearing the purported handwriting of DJURO STOKIC was obtained. This letter was dated Paris, France, May 24, 1966.

Also received from the Secret Service, is a photocopy of a two page letter in Serbo-Croatian language, dated November 22, 1968, purportedly written by DJURO STOKIC, together with a copy of a photo, alleged to be that of STOKIC.

The above documents were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for examination purposes to determine if they were written by the same individual.

THE RESULTS OF FBI LABORATORY EXAMINATION.

REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Washington Field Office

Date: September 30, 1968

Re: KENSALT

FBI File No. 62-587

Lab. No. D-680918067 AT

Specimens received 9/17/68

- Qc33 Photocopy of two-page handwritten letter dated 6/11/68, bearing message in Serbo-Croatian language (copy of original letter previously submitted)
- Kc23 Photocopy of two-page letter dated at Paris, 5/24/66, bearing purported handwriting of DJURO STOKIC
- Kc24 Photocopy of two-page letter in Serbo-Croatian language, dated 1/22/68, purportedly written by DJURO STOKIC, and attached copy of photograph, alleged to be that of the writer

Result of examination:

It was found that the purported writing of DJURO STOKIC appearing on the submitted photocopies designated Kc23 and Kc24 is entirely too indistinct to permit a suitable comparison with the questioned writing on the two-page letter designated as Q33. Specimen Q33 is the original letter for the photocopy Qc33. Q33 and the envelope in which it was mailed, designated Q.32, are described in FBI Laboratory report dated 8/23/68, a copy of which was furnished to the Director, U.S. Secret Service, Washington, D.C. Photocopies of Q32 and Q33 were furnished with FBI Laboratory report of 8/23/68.

Due to the indistinctness of the writing on Kc23 and Kc24, a definite conclusion was not reached whether DJURO STOKIC wrote the questioned writing on Q32 and Q33. Certain handwriting characteristics were noted in the purported known writing of DJURO STOKIC on Kc23 and Kc24 which are consistent with handwriting characteristics in the letter designated as Q33. These consistencies in handwriting characteristics indicate that Q33 may have been written by DJURO STOKIC.

The submitted material is being retained in the FBI files.

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On October 28, 1968, the United States Secret Service Headquarters, Washington, D.C., furnished the FBI Headquarters, Washington, D.C., a copy of a communication addressed to RICHARD NIXON and HUBERT HUMPHREY, National Headquarters, Willard Hotel, Washington, D.C. This communication was allegedly signed by SHARIF BISHARA SIRHAN and postmarked Pasadena, California, October 22, 1968.

The return address was indicated as SHARIF B. SIRHAN, 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California, and the envelope was addressed to Mr. NIXON. The two page letter begins with "How do you justify taking one land from one people, etc." and ends with "...for the sake of justice and the world peace, thank you."

This letter was forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for appropriate comparison.

THE RESULTS OF THE FBI LABORATORY EXAMINATION.

The FBI Laboratory on November 12, 1968, advised that the above described document is identified by the Laboratory as Qc35.

The "SHARIF B. SIRHAN" signature on Qc35 is entirely too indistinct to permit a suitable comparison with the known handwriting of SHARIF SIRHAN identified as K12. The limited comparison that could be made indicates that SHARIF SIRHAN may not have written the signature on Qc35 and a more detailed examination will be made upon receipt of the original Qc35 or a more detailed copy thereof.

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